

BRYAN OFFICIAL DEFINES ATTITUDE OF U.S. IN THE WAR

Secretary, in Letter to Senator Stone, Says American Markets Are Open to All the World, and That Teutonic Allies Have Suffered Through Superiority of British Fleet—U. S. Embarrassed by Own Position on Contraband.

WASHINGTON, January 25.—Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, had incorporated in the Congressional Record today the long reply which he received from Secretary Bryan defining Washington Government's interpretation of its rights and duties as a neutral in the present war. Five thousand copies, as a public document were ordered printed.

The letter from the Secretary of State, prepared after consultation with President Wilson, Counselor Lansing and the legal officers of the Government, constituted the administration's answer to those who have been charging in numerous letters to the State Department as well as in the press and public speeches that the American Government's neutrality discriminated against Germany and Austria.

Secretary Bryan summarized popular misconception on this point and explained that the superiority thus far of the British naval power had in reality been responsible for the inability of Germany and Austria to fare as well as their opponents in matters of ammunition and contraband.

"It is the business," he wrote, "of a belligerent operating on the high seas, not the duty of a neutral, to prevent contraband from reaching an enemy. Those in this country who sympathize with Germany and Austria-Hungary appear to assume that some obligation rests upon this government in the performance of its neutrality, to prevent all trade in contraband, and thus to equalize the difference due to the relative naval strength of the belligerents. No such obligations exist; it would be an unequal act, an act of partiality on the part of this government to adopt such a policy. If an executive had the power to do so. If Germany and Austria cannot import contraband from this country, it is not because of this fact, the duty of the United States to close its markets to the allies. The markets of this country are open on equal terms to all the world, to every nation, belligerent or neutral."

While the letter was devoted largely to answering criticisms, it revealed many features of the administration's policies hitherto unexplained.

Opposed to Anti-Export Law.
The Washington Government has now announced itself as emphatically opposed to legislation prohibiting the export of munitions of war. Other than the belief that the passage of such legislation would be an unequal act, it has been pointed out that such a law, while officials here contend that such a law, after the conclusion of the present conflict, would in reality foster the growth of militarism. They point out that weak nations which might have depended in emergencies on purchasing war supplies from the United States would be compelled to keep their armies constantly on a war footing in respect to supplies, involving tremendous expenditures.

The letter reveals also that the United States has taken the position that it cannot permit belligerent vessels to remove from American ships on the high seas any passengers even though they be Germans or Austrians, nor can promises be exacted from them not to participate in the war. Such a protest has been sent to France as a result of the search by a boarding party from the French cruiser Conde of an American ship plying between two ports in Colombia. Officials explained today that the request of the Canadian Government for permission to transport "war equipment" across Alaska, which has been refused, as disclosed in Secretary Bryan's letter, referred to a shipment of guns and ammunition from Northern Canada.

The Canadian authorities wished to take the guns to Vancouver, by sea, involving a journey through a small strip of Alaskan territory. The Washington Government denied the request.

The fact that both Japan and Great Britain had been asked to remove their

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Sled-Riding Behind Autos Popular; Lights Must Be Carried at Night



SLED riding behind an automobile is now a favorite diversion of St. Louis boys and girls, and few automobile owners can withstand the pleas to "give us a pull." To lessen the risks of such sledding, the police department has asked that lights be carried at night on sleds used in this manner, as otherwise they may be struck by other vehicles on cross streets.

The young folks shown in the lower picture are pulling their sleds up hill for an old-fashioned coast to the bottom in Forest Park. The sport of coasting was once described by a Chinese visitor in the words, "Go like hell, walkee back halfee mile."

NEW GERMAN GUN IS SAID TO HAVE A 28-MILE RANGE

Fires Projectile Weighing Ton Six Miles Further Than Breadth of English Channel.

BERLIN, via London, Jan. 25.—Remarkable figures regarding a new German naval gun are given by a German artillery expert, writing in the Artilleristische Monatshefte.

In discussing an assertion by the London Times that the German navy possesses a gun which carries three miles further than the best British weapon, the writer admits that Krupp are manufacturing a gun whose projectile weighs 200 kilograms (about a ton) and which develops muzzle velocity of 840 meters (about 2700 feet) a second. The expert reckons from these figures that the gun has 88 per cent more muzzle force than the British navy's best weapon and has a range of about 42 kilometers (about 26 miles), while the channel at Dover is only 35 kilometers (about 22 miles) wide.

He says the figures given, if correct, will permit the Germans eventually to command the English coast from Calais or for a distance of nine kilometers (about six miles inland) with the new gun.

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EXPLAINS CONNECTION WITH CONTEST OVER OGDEN WILL

Robert H. Hunter of Houston Says His Letters Were Only About Sale of Land.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 25.—Robert H. Hunter of Houston, Tex., yesterday left Madison after he had explained his connection with the contest over the will of Frank A. Ogden, millionaire Wisconsin lumberman. He said that he had not been arrested in Pittsburgh on Thursday and brought to Madison by a post-office inspector. He explained that there had been a misunderstanding as to what was wanted of him, but that he had come voluntarily to Madison.

Hunter said that he had negotiated with Ogden about the sale of some land, and after the death of Ogden had written to the attorney for the Ogden estate in an attempt to renew the negotiations.

District Attorney John A. Aylward of Madison said that Hunter's explanation was satisfactory and Hunter started for Pittsburgh.

Gas Overcomes Servant Aged 60.
Mrs. Mollie Fitzgerald, 60 years old, a domestic in the home of George Burdette, 408A McPherson avenue, was overcome by gas yesterday morning.

The jet in her room was open when she was found unconscious in bed by Mrs. Burdette. It is believed she accidentally turned the gas on before retiring.

MRS. BEIDEL TELLS WOMEN

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Autobuses Carry 40,000 Daily in Seattle Street Cars Lose Money.
SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 25.—The street car system operating in Seattle is engaged in an unprofitable business, and motor bus profits are small, according to statistics compiled by the chief engineer of the State Public Service Commission. The report was forwarded today to Gov. Ernest Lister by the commission with a recommendation that the situation be remedied.

According to statistics the street car system is losing \$240 revenue daily, while the bus drivers are making an average net profit of \$2.35 a day each. Five hundred and eighteen buses are carrying 40,000 passengers daily who formerly rode on street cars.

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Extra Congressional Session Expected.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—An extra session of Congress is considered inevitable by a majority of Congress now, and it is understood that President Wilson will call it if it develops that it is impossible to pass the ship bill and the dozen or more appropriation measures before March 4.

PASTOR BRADT'S WIFE PREACHES FROM HIS PULPIT

She Delivers Her First Sermon at First Christian Church in His Absence.

Mrs. John L. Bradt, wife of the pastor of the First Christian Church, 3128 Locust street, preached her first sermon yesterday, occupying her husband's pulpit in the morning. He is in Jefferson, Mo., conducting evangelistic meetings.

"A little more than one year ago I occupied the pulpit and delivered a lecture upon Mexico, where I passed 10 years of my girlhood," she said to a Post-Dispatch reporter, "but this was my first regular sermon, and I hope everyone liked it."

Mrs. Bradt is an accomplished musician and frequently aids her husband in evangelistic services by singing.

"A Decided Suffragist."

During 1909-10 she and her husband made a trip around the world as a belated honeymoon tour, their marriage having been in 1908. She was formerly Miss Grace Crutcher.

"I am a decided suffragist," said Mrs. Bradt, "and I believe in a woman taking an active part in all of the world's affairs that concern her life. That is one reason why I am willing to preach. Christianity belongs to woman as well as to man. I enjoy social service work and I am sure that trying to help others does not interfere with a woman's work in the home."

Mrs. Bradt has two girls, Bonnie Bell, nearly 5 years old, and Pauline, 18 months old. Both children heard their mother preach, and Pauline remained wide awake, too, although, it is said, that she slept in the arms of a maid during her mother's first appearance in the pulpit.

Mrs. Bradt says she is going to try to bring up her girls so that they can take up any work in the world if necessary in which a woman can aid in human progress.

"Mary, the Master Callet."
Mrs. Bradt's text for her sermon was John 11, 28 and 29, "Mary, the Master callet for thee." It dealt with the subject of women's work in the present day. In speaking of slum work, she said:

"A Bible is a better protection for a woman engaged in slum work than if she were accompanied by her father and armed policemen stood at every corner."

At another time she said: "I know that Solomon said some very delicious things about this world, and three times he said, 'Vanity of vanity, all is vanity.' I suppose this was a reference to those times in his career when his 700 wives were pestering the life almost out of him."

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UNDERTAKERS IN STRUGGLE OVER BODY OF CHILD

Father Brings Replevin Action and Suit Against Him Is Threatened.

A struggle of East St. Louis undertakers for the job of burying the body of Alex Rakoska, 5-year-old son of Frank Rakoska, of 123 Bowman street, resulted this morning in Rakoska having to replevin the body. John Kasaly, an undertaker, who had spent \$24 of his own money preparing for the funeral, threatened to file suit against Rakoska to recover his money.

The boy fell in a tub of scalding water in the kitchen Saturday, where his mother was scrubbing the floor. He was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in an ambulance of the Kurrus Undertaking Co. When he died yesterday the hospital, following its usual custom, notified the Kurrus company to send for the body.

Soon after the body was removed to the Kurrus establishment, Kasaly appeared with the father of the boy. Rakoska told Kurrus that he wished to have Kasaly conduct the funeral, and Kasaly had the body removed to the Degan-Doussard Undertaking Co.'s funeral rooms. Kasaly paid Kurrus a customary fee of \$5 for the work he had done. Soon after the body was sent to the Degan-Doussard rooms, a representative of the Walsh Undertaking Co. sent for it. Walsh said he had an order from the father.

Kasaly refused to give up the body. He had ordered a \$24 coffin, he said, and had paid out an additional \$6. He said he intended to hold the body until he was paid.

This morning Rakoska went to the Degan-Doussard establishment and told Kasaly that he had changed his mind, and that he wanted Walsh to conduct the funeral. When Kasaly refused to surrender the body, Rakoska sued out a writ of replevin in Justice Rogers' court. A constable was sent to take possession of the body, and an ambulance from the Walsh establishment was waiting when he arrived. The body was removed to Walsh's and Kasaly went to consult his lawyer relative to filing a suit against Rakoska.

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Street Cleaners to Get Pay Soon.
Director of Streets Talbot today arranged to pay the extra men employed by his department Friday, Saturday and yesterday to remove snow from the streets. He thought payment could be made by Wednesday by obtaining a special payroll. From 125 to 100 extra men were employed, at \$1.50 a day.

UNITED RAILWAYS IS DENIED A NEW MILL TAX HEARING

Missouri Supreme Court Refuses to Permit Motion to Be Filed.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 25.—The Supreme Court of Missouri in band today denied finally the United Railways Co.'s motion in which the company asked permission to file a motion for a rehearing in the mill tax case.

In an opinion handed down Dec. 19 the Supreme Court decided that the United Railways Co. must pay the mill per passenger tax levied under a St. Louis city ordinance.

Under the law the company had 10 days in which to file a motion for a rehearing, but this motion was not filed until Dec. 13, 12 days after the decision. The Supreme Court refused to entertain the motion on the ground that it had been filed too late.

The company then filed another motion asking that it be permitted to file the motion for a rehearing.

Today's decision, denying the right to file a motion for a rehearing was voted by Justices Woodson, Walker, Brown and Farris. Justices Graves and Bond dissented and Justice Blair did not sit. No written opinion was handed down with the decision.

The mandate will be handed down and become effective in 10 days. This will give an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States as the company's only recourse.

As the United States Supreme Court already has ruled against the United Railways Co. on the merits of the mill tax case any further appeal to that court must be based on a constitutional point.

THAW ARRAIGNED, MOTION MADE FOR NEW SANITY TEST

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—A motion to have Harry K. Thaw sent to Bellevue Hospital so that it might be determined there whether he is sane was made today by Thaw's attorneys at his arraignment in the Supreme Court here on a charge of conspiring with others in effecting his escape from the Matteawan Asylum in August, 1912.

Justice Davis announced that Thaw would be arraigned next Wednesday, when a decision on the motion will be made.

Thaw made his appearance in court accompanied by two prison wardens. He remained standing while the attorneys discussed the motions and occasionally his face would light up with a smile of recognition for men at the press table or among court attendants.

No attempt was made to obtain Thaw's release. He was remanded to the Tombs Prison to remain there till Justice Davis should announce his decision.

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\$1.25 Storm Serge, 90c Black wool Serge, 44 inches wide, heavy weight, fine quality.
Blue Bird No. 22,229—Tuesday Only.
\$1.50 Satin Duchess, \$1.10 Soft Satin Duchess, 36 inches wide, all shades.
Blue Bird No. 22,230—Tuesday Only.
\$1.98 Crepe de Chine, \$1.40 Best quality Crepe de Chine, all colors.
Blue Bird No. 22,231—Tuesday Only.
98c Habutai Silk, 70c Plain white Habutai Silks, 36 inches wide, washable.
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\$1.00 Household Scales, 70c Slanting dial, will weigh up to 24 pounds.
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\$1.00 Hosiery, 75c Women's silk Stockings, full fashioned, black or colors.
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Blue Bird No. 22,250—Tuesday Only.
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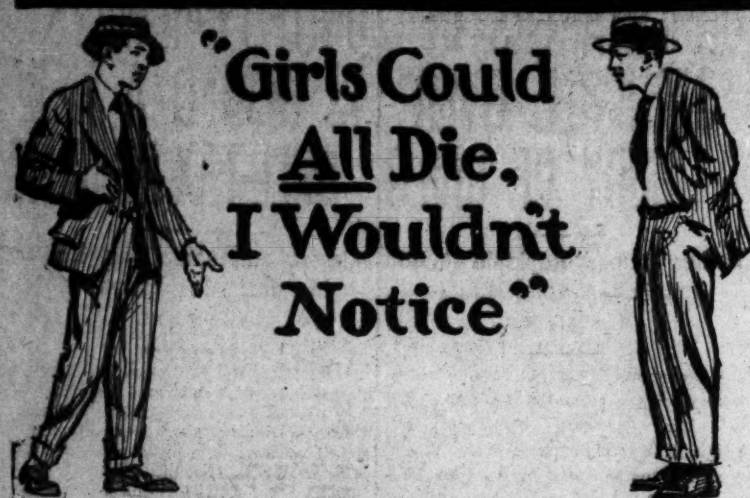
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"As a wireless message can be received by all stations and vessels within a given radius, every message in cipher, whatever its intended destination, must be censored, otherwise military information may be sent to warships off the coast of a neutral. It is manifest that a submarine cable is incapable of becoming a means of direct communication with a warship on the high seas; hence its use cannot as a rule make neutral territory a base for the direction of naval operations.

"(2) Censorship of mails and in some cases repeated destruction of American letters on neutral vessels.

"As to the censorship of mails, Germany as well as Great Britain has pursued this course in regard to private letters falling into their hands. The unquestioned right to adopt a measure of this sort makes objection to it inadvisable.

"It has been asserted that American mail on board of Dutch steamers has been repeatedly destroyed. No evidence to this effect has been filed with the Government and therefore no representations have been made. Until such are presented in concrete form, this Government would not be justified in presenting the matter to the offending belligerent. Complaints have come to the department that mail on board neutral steamers has been opened and detained, but there seems to be but few cases where the mail from neutral countries has not been finally delivered. When mail is sent to belligerent countries open and is of a neutral and private character, it has not been molested, so far as the department is advised.

"(3) Searching of American vessels for German-Austrian subjects on the high seas and in territorial waters of a belligerent.

"So far as this Government has been informed, no American vessels on the high seas, with two exceptions, have been detained or searched by belligerent warships for German and Austrian subjects. One of the exceptions, to which reference is made is now the subject of a rigid investigation, and vigorous representations have been made to the offending Government. The other exception, wherein German passengers were made to sign a promise not to take part in the war, has been brought to the attention of the offending Government with a declaration that such procedure, if true, is an unwarranted exercise of jurisdiction over American vessels, in which this Government will not acquiesce.

"An American private vessel entering voluntarily the territorial waters of a belligerent becomes subject to its territorial laws as does the persons on board the vessel.

"There have appeared in certain publications the assertion that failure to protest in these cases is an abandonment of the principle for which the United States went to war in 1914. If the failure to protest were true, which it is not, the principle involved is entirely different from the one appealed to against unjustifiable impressment in the British navy in time of peace.

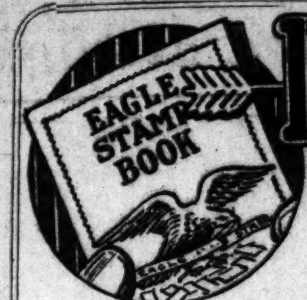
"(4) Submission without protest to British violations of the rules regarding absolute and conditional contraband as laid down in The Hague conventions, the Declaration of London and international law.

"There is no Hague convention which deals with absolute or conditional contraband, and, as the Declaration of London is not in force, the rules of international law only apply. As to the articles to be regarded as contraband, there is no general agreement between nations. It is the practice of a century, either in time of peace or after the outbreak of war, to declare the articles which it will consider as absolute or conditional contraband. It is true that a neutral Government is seriously affected by the declaration, as the rights of its subjects or citizens may be impaired. But the rights and interests of belligerents and neutrals are opposed in respect to contraband articles and therefore there is no tribunal to which questions of difference may be readily submitted.

"The record of the United States in the past is not free from criticism. When neutral, this Government has stood for a restricted list of absolute and conditional contraband. As a belligerent, we have contended for a liberal list, according to our conception of the necessities of the case.

"The United States has made earnest representations to Great Britain in regard to the seizures and detention by the British authorities of all American ships or cargoes bona fide destined to neutral ports, on the ground that such seizures and detentions were contrary to the existing rules of international law. It will be recalled, however, that American courts have established various rules bearing on these matters. The rule of 'continuous voyage' has been not only asserted by American tribunals, but extended by them. They have exercised the right to determine from the circumstances whether the ostensible was the real destination. They have held that the shipment of articles of contraband to a neutral port 'to order,' from which, as a matter of fact, cargoes had been transhipped to the enemy, is corroborative evidence that the cargo is really destined to the enemy, instead of to the neutral port of delivery. It is thus seen that some of the doctrines which appear to bear heavily upon neutrals at the present time are analogous or outgrowths from policies adopted by the United States.

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Double Eagle Stamps Tuesday

AT FAMOUS-BARR COMPANY

Shrewd Buyers Will Be Here to Get These Extra Dividends

THERE'S an army of ECONOMISTS in St. Louis who are EAGLE STAMP ENTHUSIASTS. They have learned the true value of these valuable, cash redeemable stamps, which are the substantial appreciation of cash purchasers who concentrate their buying here. EAGLE STAMPS in themselves are a PRIME & PERMANENT FEATURE in this store's value-giving policy. They are reckoned as an earned

bonus which cash buyers are entitled to at this store—aside from the full value in merchandise for the money spent. The EAGLE STAMP BOOK is to hundreds is in effect a Savings Bank Book, for a book-full may be redeemed for \$2 in cash or \$2.50 in merchandise, few restricted articles excepted. Multiply your EAGLE STAMP collection tomorrow—DOUBLE, EAGLE STAMP DAY.



Man-Tailored Skirts to Your Measure



Including All Materials & Making—10 Smart Spring Models (Extra and Reg. Sizes) Skirts Unduplicated Under \$10... **\$5**

Tuesday & Wednesday we continue this, the most remarkable tailoring offer women of St. Louis have had. Smart, new Spring Skirts, man-tailored to individual measure, at \$5.

Because a well-known skirtmaker had a little time to fill in between now & his busy season, this is possible. The skirt styles are all authentic & new—the Skirts guaranteed to fit perfectly & to give absolute satisfaction—in every way to equal the garment one would pay \$10 for made to measure.

Materials are men's-wear & French serges, poplin, gaberdine, diagonals, covert cloth, chadda cloth, checks & novelty worsteds, in blue, green, brown, black & checks.

Early orders delivered within 5 days—all orders within 10 days.

Third Floor

A Windfall for Women & Misses

\$19.75 & \$22.50

Fur Sets

\$10

Clearing out efforts in the Fur Section Tuesday bring forth this special offering in which are grouped 63 Fur Sets. Furs are expertly made & well selected, included are—

Black French Coney
Red Fox
Blue Wolf
White Island Fox
Natural Raccoon
Persian Paw

Muffs are of the late style pillow effect & there are various shape Scarfs—all satin lined—to match.

Third Floor

This Is the Biggest Clothes Occasion in St. Louis!

BIGGEST in many ways—in values offered—in range of garments for selection—in styles that are authentic—in materials that have first vogue.

No man with a single need for clothing can afford to overlook the buying chances which the January Clearing now affords. Clothes of the best makers of the country are here at prices that are unduplicated.

\$22.50, \$25 & \$28 Suits

& Overcoats at \$14

Garments that will meet the ideals of men who know clothes values & which will have quick approval. English & conservative model Suits—Overcoats in Balmainian, shawl collar ulster & convertible collar effects, as well as automobile & dressy coats of all wanted materials.

Blue Serge Graduation Suits, \$4.60 to \$9.75

Here's splendid opportunity for choosing from the best & most complete stock St. Louis affords.

New Norfolk styles a plenty, tailored to perfection, & garments that will make "your boy" look as well as any of the others & give him confidence & poise at this turning point in his school career.

Second Floor

Suits at \$15

Every Society Brand Suit in our stock is included, augmented by the purchase of the makers' surplus of Suits on hand at the end of the selling season. All the popular Society Brand models, known throughout the country by well-dressed men, & the savings are from \$5 to \$20 on each Suit.

A Sale of \$35 to \$40

Royal Wilton Rugs

At **\$28.75**

A stirring occasion in the Rug Section tomorrow when 41 attractive room-size Royal Wilton Rugs are taken from regular stocks & placed in a pile to sell at this figure.

There is a splendid assortment of patterns for choosing, many being faithful reproductions of handsome Oriental Rugs & there is a blanding of soft, rich, harmonious colorings of genuine Persian Rugs. All are 9x12 ft. size & Rugs that will have quick & enthusiastic taking at this special Tuesday price.

Fourth Floor

January Clearing Prices Present Unmatched Economies to Thrifty Buyers of

Housefurnishings

\$12.98 Washing Machines at \$10.35

Famous & Barr motor power Wash Machine, large wood tub with guaranteed motor.

\$5.98 Oil Heaters at \$3.98

Blue enameled Oil Heaters, nickel trimmed, mica windows, large oil fount, Tuesday, while 20 last.

Chicken Incubators, \$6

Reliable Chicken Incubators, 65-egg capacity, self-regulating, self-ventilating & self-moistening, hot air style. Same make in 65-egg size, hotwater style, \$7.95.

Basement Salesroom

Chicken Coops, \$1.20

Heavy galvanized iron Chicken Coops, round & square styles, storm proof & affording complete protection to young chicks.

Chicken Brooders, \$6.19

Hot air Brooders, can be used indoor or outside, enclosed safety lamp, metal top, rainproof, capacity 80 chicks.

Kitchen Cabinets, \$22.95 to \$38.50

Sellers' sanitary Kitchen Cabinets, fitted with all the labor-saving devices, complete with glassware.

Basement Salesroom

Mesh Bags Repaired & Resilvered, 50c

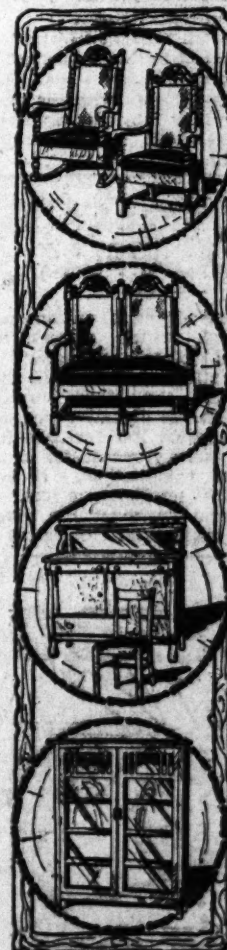
Continuing tomorrow & Wednesday this extraordinary offer of making old mesh bags new at such a nominal cost. Delivery assured in two weeks.

Jewelry Repair Department, Main Floor Gallery

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With Every Indication of Being the Greatest Event of Its Kind

The February Furniture Sale



Started off today with aisles crowded & selling as brisk as a March wind. This sale is of first importance & helpfulness to every home. It is a different kind of sale, offering only dependable, honestly built furniture, every piece of which was chosen with painstaking care & made in the most particular way.

It is Furniture of character—fit to last a lifetime. The designs are the kind that will live, the cabinet work superior in every way—the finish such as will please every woman.

By giving our orders at a time when factories were running short time we earned a very substantial discount. The event is of far-reaching importance since

All Furniture in OUR Stock Will Be Offered at a Uniform Discount of

Easy Terms 1/4% Given

Every piece is marked at the same regular profit ratio & the discount will be made at time of purchase. All our own furniture enters the sale at the same reduction.

Included is Furniture for Bedroom Dining Room Living Room Library

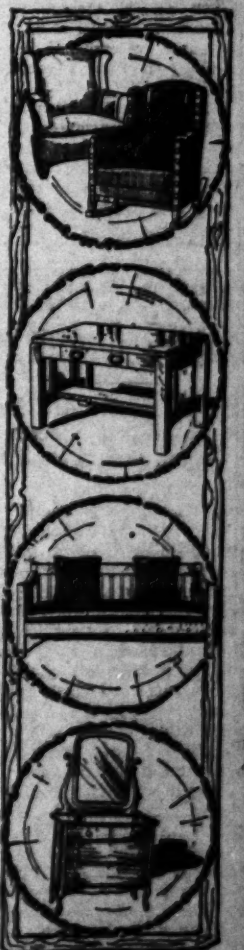
in the period designs as well as modern styles.

Also included are a number of

Odd Pieces & Less

—Just one of a kind, so early buying is necessary.

Fourth Floor



Famous-Barr Co.

ENTIRE BLOCK, OLIVE, LOCUST, SIXTH AND SEVENTH STS.

Largest Distribution of Merchandise in St. Louis

We Sell FREE Sewing Machines at \$1 Per Week

Charge Purchases

made Tuesday & the remainder of January will appear on February statements, rendered March 1st.

People Subject Constipation

The wear of years impairs the action of the bowels. With advancing age people are disposed to restricted activity and exercise, which is responsible for the constipated condition of most old folks. The digestive organs are more sensitive to the demands made upon them and rebel more quickly.

A mild, effective remedy for constipation, and one that is especially suited to the needs of elderly people, women and children, is the combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin that is sold in drug stores under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. A free trial bottle can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 452 Washington St., Monticello, Ill.

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States when it was a belligerent. The Government therefore cannot consistently protect against the application of rules which it has followed in the past, unless they have not been practiced as heretofore.

"(5) Acquiescence without protest to the inclusion of copper and other articles in the British list of absolute contraband.

"The United States has now under consideration the question of the right of a belligerent to include 'absolute unwrought' in its list of conditional contraband. As the Government of the United States has in the past placed 'all articles from which contraband list and has declared copper to be among such materials, it necessarily finds some embarrassment in dealing with the subject.

"Moreover, there is no instance of

the United States acquiescing in Great Britain's seizure of copper shipments. In every case, in which it has been done, vigorous representations have been made to the British Government and the representatives of the United States have pressed for the release of the shipments.

Live Sales Agent Wanted

For this section with liberal territory. Must have proven selling ability and small capital; in return he receives a monopoly for his district on our patented devices, which are positively guaranteed to save from 15 to 40% in coal consumption on any stove, furnace or boiler using coal as fuel, including high and low pressure plants. Needed in every household, factory, hotel and business. A European invention in successful operation in hundreds of establishments abroad and in New York; only recently introduced in America. No warlike parts, adjustments or chemicals. Highest testimonials from houses known the world over. An unusual chance to establish a business without competition. Full particulars to be exchanged. Write in confidence, stating full particulars.

Schaller System Coal Saver Corporation
Manufacturers of "Lesscoke"
209 Madison Ave. New York City

sentations have been made to the British Government and the representatives of the United States have pressed for the release of the shipments.

"(6) Submission without protest to interference with American trade to neutral countries in conditional and absolute contraband.

"The fact that the commerce of the United States is interrupted by Great Britain is consequent upon the superiority of her navy on the high seas. History shows that whenever a country has possessed that superiority, our trade has been interrupted and that few articles essential to the prosecution of the war have been allowed to reach its enemy from this country. The Department's recent note to the British Government, which has been made public, in regard to detentions and seizures of American vessels and cargoes, is a complete answer to this complaint.

"Certain other complaints appear aimed at the loss of profit in trade, which must include at least in part trade in contraband with Germany; while other complaints demand the prohibition of trade in contraband, which appears to refer to trade with the allies.

"(7) Submission without protest to interference of trade in conditional contraband consigned to private persons in Germany and Austria, thereby supporting the policy of Great Britain to cut off all supplies from Germany and Austria.

"As no American vessel, so far as known, has attempted to carry conditional contraband to Germany or Austria-Hungary, no ground of complaint has arisen out of seizure or condemnation by Great Britain of an American vessel with a belligerent destination. Until a case arises and the Government has taken action upon it, criticism is premature and unwarranted. The United States, in its note of Dec. 23 to the British Government, strongly contended for the principle of freedom of trade in articles of conditional contraband not destined to the belligerent forces.

"(8) Submission to British interference with trade in petroleum, rubber, leather, wool, etc.

"Petroleum and other petroleum products have been proclaimed by Great Britain as contraband of war. In view of the absolute necessity of such products to the use of submarines, aeroplanes and motors, the United States Government has not yet reached the conclusion that they are improperly included in a list of contraband. Military operations today are largely a question of motive power through mechanical devices. It is therefore difficult to argue successfully against the inclusion of petroleum among the articles of contraband. As to the detention of cargoes of petroleum going to neutral countries, this Government has thus far successfully obtained the release in every case or seizure which has been brought to its attention.

"Great Britain has placed rubber on the absolute contraband list and leather on the conditional contraband list. Rubber is extensively used in the manufacture and operation of motors and, like petrol, is regarded by some authorities as essential to motive power today. Leather is even more widely used in cavalry and infantry equipment. It is understood that both rubber and leather, together with wool, have been embargoed by most of the belligerent countries. It will be recalled that the United States has in the past exercised the right of embargo on exports of any commodity which might aid the enemy cause.

"(9) The United States has not interfered with the sale of Great Britain and her allies of arms, ammunition, horses, uniforms and other munitions of war, although such sales prolong the conflict.

"There is no power in the executive to prevent the sale of ammunition to the belligerents. The duty of a neutral to restrict trade in munitions of war has never been imposed by international law or by municipal statute. It has never been the policy of this Government to prevent the shipment of arms or ammunition into belligerent territory except in the case of neighboring American republics, and then only when civil strife prevailed. Even of this extent the belligerents in the present conflict, when they were neutrals, have never, so far as the records disclose, limited the sale of munitions of war. It is only necessary to point to the enormous quantities of arms and ammunition furnished by manufacturers in Germany to the belligerents in the Russo-Japanese war, in the recent Balkan wars, to establish the general recognition of the propriety of the trade by a neutral nation.

"It may be added that on Dec. 15 last the German Ambassador, by direction of his Government, presented a copy of a memorandum of the Imperial German Government, which, among other things, set forth the attitude of that Government toward traffic in contraband of war by citizens of neutral countries. The Imperial Government stated that 'under the general principles of international law, no exception can be taken to neutral states letting war material go to Germany's enemies through neutral territory, and that the adversaries of Germany in the present war are, in the opinion of the Imperial Government, authorized to "draw on the United States contraband of war and especially arms worth billions of marks." These principles, as the Ambassador stated, have been accepted by the United States from the statement issued by the Department of State on Oct. 15 last entitled "Neutrality and Trade in Contraband." Acting in conformity with the propositions there set forth, the United States has itself taken no part in contraband traffic, and has, so far as possible, lent its influence toward equal treatment for all belligerents in the matter of purchasing arms and ammunition of private persons in the United States.

"(10) The United States has not suppressed the sale of dynamite bullets to Great Britain.

"On Dec. 5 last the German Ambassador addressed a note to the department, stating that the British Government had ordered from the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. 20,000 "riot guns" model 1887, and 50,000 "bullet" cartridges for use in such guns. The department replied that it saw a published statement of the Winchester company, the correctness of which the company has con-

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STIX BAERC FULLER D. G. CO. GRAND-LEADER

Entire Block—Sixth, Washington, Seventh and Lucas

Reductions of 50% in Many Instances Before Inventory

This Store's February Furniture Sale

Will begin next Monday, and will present many a surprise in the way of new styles, greater selection and splendid values.

We Will Inaugurate Three Days of Inspection Beginning Next Thursday

Prior to the sale, for those who wish to go leisurely through the February Sale stocks and make accurate comparisons, etc.

Half-Price Sale of Notions

5c So-no-Mor Dress Fasteners, dozen, 25c
10c Hair Nets, all shades of brown, each, 5c
5c Hair Nets, all shades of brown, each, 25c
Safety Pins, Wire Hairpins, Dressmaker Pins and Collar Supporters—regularly 25c to 5c—at, each, 1c (Main Floor.)

Sporting Goods

Roller Skates, \$1
Ball-bearing Roller Skates, of regular \$1.50 and \$2.00 grades—special at \$1 pair
Ice Skates, Half Price
Men's and women's high-grade Ice Skates at just half their regular prices.
Exercisers, Half Price
Whitely Exercisers, in heavy, medium and light, at half usual prices.
\$1.50 Gym Shoes, \$1
In Oxford style, with good calf uppers and elk soles. (Second Floor.)

Hair Goods at Half Price

The Hair Dressing Parlors offer all first quality Hair Goods at 50% discount from regular prices. Also extraordinary reductions on imported Powders and Cosmetics. (Third Floor.)

Hundreds of Waists Reduced to \$1

Former Selling Prices as High as \$2.98

The size-range, of course, is broken, but there is a splendid assortment, including a number of different styles. Many are slightly soiled, but all are good values at the sale price of \$1

\$3 to \$5 Waists, Now \$2

Silk, Lace and Cotton Crepe Waists, as well as some of chiffon and crepe de chine—all reduced to \$2 each

\$5 to \$8.50 Waists, \$3.50

Come in such materials as voile, crepe de chine, chiffon and lace, and in a variety of good styles. Price to close out Monday, at \$3.50

\$8.50 to \$10 Waists, \$5

Suit Blouses—of imported crepes, imported embroidered lingerie, chiffons, satins, crepe de chine and imported plaids. All colors and sizes in this lot of \$8.50 to \$10 Waists; reduced to \$5

100 Wash Waists Reduced to 49c

Former Selling Prices Were Up to \$1.50
In this group are Waists in styles which have been very popular all season, but they are only in small sizes, mostly 32 to 36 inch bust measurement. 49c each (Third Floor.)

Sale of Boys' Sample Wash Suits



This is the annual event which interests so many mothers and fathers who have boys to outfit with Wash Suits.

This sale brings such well-known brands as "Regatta" and "Premier," the celebrated products of the leading makers of this country.

You can now save one-third to one-half the usual cost of clothing the boy for the Summer.

2250 Wash Suits for Boys 2 to 10 Years

Almost an unlimited collection in every desired model, style, material and color that will be suitable for the coming season. Every Suit guaranteed to be fast color, and we will replace any Suit regardless of price, if it should fade.

Usual \$1.50	\$2 and \$2.50	\$3 and \$3.50	\$4, \$4.50 and \$5
Wash Suits	Wash Suits	Wash Suits	Wash Suits
95c	\$1.25	\$1.75	\$2.25

(Second Floor.)

Red Letter Day Sales in the Basement!

19c Jap Silks

Solid colored Jap Silks, with fancy woven designs—special Tuesday at the yard, 12 1/2c (Basement.)

\$5 Fur Sets, \$1.98

French Coney Sets, in black and brown, shawl-shaped scarfs, with silk ornaments and muff to match.

\$7.95 to \$10 Fur Sets at \$4.95

Fur Sets of Moline, Caracul and French Coney, in black and brown; also White Iceland Fox Sets. Regular \$7.95 to \$10 sets, special, Tuesday, at the yard, \$4.95 (Basement.)

Boys' 75c Knickerbockers, 39c

Boys' Knickerbockers, in heavy weight cassimeres and chevrons, gray and brown mixtures, strongly taped seams, belt loops and watch pocket. 39c

Boys' \$1 to \$2 Hats, 39c

Telescopes of fur felt, in gray, brown and blue, 39c (Basement.)

Hosiery—Special

25c Stockings, 12 1/2c Pr.

Women's Stockings, of cotton, lisle fleeced and wool, in black and colors—reinforced with double soles, toes and high heels.

Also Children's Wool Stockings, in black only—medium weight, with double gray heels and toes.

Embroideries, 5c

Usually 10c and 15c Yard
Edges, Insertions and Bands, Swiss, cambric and lawn, in floral, scroll and eyelet designs—2 to 8-inch widths, 5c yard

Handkerchiefs, 3 1/2c

Women's lawn and cambric, crossbars, plain and cords, some colored borders. Men's Handkerchiefs, Irish linen, hemstitched, 10c (Basement.)

10c, 12 1/2c Curtain Madras, 6c Yard

Curtain Madras and Casement Cloth, in a variety of designs and colorings—some plain effects, others figured centers.

19c Curtain Scrims, 8c

Scrims in white and Arabian color—plain centers, hemstitched edges and drawnwork borders, 8c yard

Values Tuesday

25c Silk Stockings, 15c

Women's black Silk Stockings, medium weight, double lisle heels, toes and garter tops—slightly imperfect.

15c Socks, 7 1/2c Pair

Men's cotton Socks, in black and colors—medium weight, double heels and toes. (Basement.)

75c Silk Gloves, 45c

Women's two-clasp Silk Gloves, double finger tips—black, white and colors—seconds.

50c Sample Gloves, women's and children's—lisle, cashmere and chambray, special at 25c pair

25c Gloves—women's and children's—lisle, chambray and knitted, 15c pair

50c Leather Gauntlets—fleece lined, 25c pair (Basement.)

30c Sheetting

Pequot Mills bleached Sheetting, 2 yards wide—30c quality—at the yard, 26c (Basement.)

Knit Underwear

Men's \$1 natural wool Shirts and Drawers, medium and heavy weights—sizes up to 50—at 58c
Women's 50c fleeced Union Suits, high neck, long sleeves, ankle length—regular and extra sizes, 25c (Basement.)

\$15 Collapsible Dress Forms, \$11.98

These "Acme" 12 section collapsible and adjustable Dress Forms when collapsed are only 38 in. high. Adjust to duplicate any desired figure by turning the wheel at top. Has attached skirt form, and is mounted on iron stand, and can be lowered or raised. (Basement.)

For \$2.98 and \$3.50 Cloth Skirts

98c Skirts made of all-wool serge, in navy and black, others of novelty cloth—sizes for women and misses.

For Girls' \$2 Wool Dresses

\$1.19 Dresses made of all-wool serge, in navy, brown and wine color—variously trimmed—sizes 6 to 14 years.

For Girls' \$2 and \$3 Coats

\$1.69 Girls' Coats made of such materials as kersey and novelty cloth, in brown and navy—variously trimmed—sizes 6 to 14 years.

75c and \$1 Wash Waists 3 for \$1

Waists, of lawn, voile and crepe. Sizes 34 to 44-inch bust measurement.

\$2.50 Raincoats, \$1.50

Made of rubberized Cantonette, tan only—14 years to 44-inch bust measurement.

75c House Dresses, 3 for \$1

Made of percale, light and dark colors—sizes 34 and 36-inch bust measurement.

\$3.98 to \$5 Dresses, Special

Attractive Dresses made of messaline and serge, in a variety of colors and black—come in all sizes for women and misses. \$2.90

\$7.50 to \$10 Coats, Special

Made of novelty cloth, kersey, Thibet, in black, brown, navy and plaid effects—14 years to 44-inch bust measurement. \$3.90

Women's \$3 Wool Serge Dresses

Dresses of wool serge, black and navy, several styles, also plaid effects. Come in sizes 34 to 44-inch bust measurement. \$1 (Basement.)

Keep Young while growing Old—

AFTER all, youth is often more a matter of nerves than of years. You see that proven almost every day—this man of thirty, nerves wrecked and old before his time—that man, sixty but bright-eyed, sprightly because he kept his nerves youthful.

It is in this care of the nerves that Sanatogen is of such signal service. For to the hungry nerves, impoverished by overdrifts, illness, worries and neglect, Sanatogen brings just the foods they must have for speedy restoration to health—pure albumen and organic phosphorus in easily taken-up form.

And by thus nourishing the weakened nerve-cells and tissues, Sanatogen helps bring back the ease of digestion, the restful slumber and the vigorous health of youth.

And you—if the enthusiastic letters of 21,000 physicians and the grateful praise of scores of noted people—if that testimony means anything—you will not long delay giving Sanatogen its opportunity to help you. Sanatogen is sold by good druggists everywhere in three sizes from \$1.00 up.

Col. Henry Watkinson
The famous Battle of Gettysburg writer
"I feel I owe it to the truth to state that I have used Sanatogen for several years, and I have found it to be a most valuable and reliable food. It has helped me to keep my nerves in good condition, and I have been able to do my work with ease and vigor."—Col. Henry Watkinson, U.S. Army, Retired.

John Burroughs
The distinguished naturalist and author, writes
"I think that Sanatogen did me much good. I gave me strength and energy, and I have been able to do my work with ease and vigor."—John Burroughs, U.S. Forest Service.



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Send for Elbert Hubbard's new book—"Health in the Making." Written in his attractive manner and filled with his shrewd philosophy together with capital advice on Sanatogen, health and contentment. It is free. Tear this off as a reminder to address THE BAUER CHEMICAL CO., 32-N Irving Pl., New York

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Armed to the department by telegraph. In this statement the company categorically denies that it has received an order for such guns and cartridges from, or made any sales of such material to the British Government, or to any other Government engaged in the present war. The Ambassador further called attention to the letter of Dec. 10, 1914, of the Remington Arms-Union Metallic Cartridge Co. of New York to the Ambassador, called forth by certain newspaper reports of statements alleged to have been made by the Ambassador in regard to the sales by that company of soft-nosed bullets. From this letter,

a copy of which was sent to the department by the company, it appears that instead of 3,000,000 cartridges having been sold, only a little over 117,000 were manufactured and 398,000 were sold. "The letter further asserts that these cartridges were made to supply a demand for a better sporting cartridge with a soft-nosed bullet than has been manufactured theretofore; and that such cartridges cannot be used in the military rifles of any foreign Powers. The company adds that its statements can be substantiated and that it is ready to give the Ambassador any evidence that he may require on these points. The department further stated that it was also in receipt from the company of a complete detailed list of the persons to whom these cartridges were sold, and that from this list it appeared that the cartridges were sold to firms in lots of 20 and 500 and one lot each of 200, 400 and 500. Of these only 900 were to

British North America and 100 to British East Africa. "The department added that, if the Ambassador could furnish evidence that this or any other company is manufacturing and selling for the use of the contending armies in Europe cartridges, whose use would contravene the Hague conventions, the department would be glad to be furnished with this evidence and that the President would, in case any American company is shown to be engaged in this traffic, use his influence to prevent so far as possible sales of such ammunition to the Powers engaged in the European war, without regard to whether it is the duty of this Government upon legal or conventional grounds to take such action.

"The substance of both the Ambassador's note and the department's reply have appeared in the press.

"The department has received no other complaints of alleged sales of dumdum bullets by American citizens to belligerent Governments.

"(11) British warships are permitted to lie off American ports and intercept neutral vessels. "The complaint is unjustified from the fact that representations were made to the British Government that the presence of war vessels in the vicinity of New York harbor was offensive to this Government and a similar complaint was made to the Japanese Government as to one of its cruisers in the vicinity of the port of Honolulu. In both cases the warships were withdrawn.

"It will be recalled that in 1893 the department took the position that capture made by its vessels after hovering about neutral ports would not be regarded as valid. In the Franco-Prussian war President Grant issued a proclamation warning belligerent warships against hovering in the vicinity of American ports for purposes of observation or hostile acts. The same policy has been maintained in the present war and in all of the recent proclamations of neutrality the President states that such practice by belligerent warships is 'unfriendly and offensive.'

"(12) Great Britain and her allies are allowed without protest

to disregard American citizenship papers and passports. "American citizenship papers have been disregarded in a comparatively few instances by Great Britain, but the same is true of all the belligerents. Bearer of American passports have been arrested in all the countries at war; in every case of apparent illegal arrest the United States Government has entered vigorous protests with request of release. The department does not know of any cases, except one or two, which are still under investigation, in which naturalized German citizens have been released upon representations by the Government. There have, however, come to the Department's notice, authentic cases in which American passports have been fraudulently obtained and used by certain German subjects.

"The Department of Justice has recently apprehended at least four persons of American nationality who, it is alleged, obtained American passports upon pretense of being American citizens and for the purpose of returning to Germany without molestation by her enemies during the voyage. There are indications that a systematic plan has been devised to obtain American passports through fraud for the purpose of securing safe passage for German officers and reservists desiring to return to Germany. Such fraudulent use of passports by Germans themselves can have no other effect than to cast suspicion upon American passports in general.

New regulations, however, requiring, among other things, the attaching of a photograph of the bearer to his passport, under the seal of the Department of State and the vigilance of the Department of Justice will doubtless prevent further misuse of American passports.

"(13) Change of policy in regard to loans to belligerents. "War loans in this country were disapproved because inconsistent with the spirit of neutrality. There is a clearly defined difference between a war loan and the purchase of arms and ammunition. THE POLICY OF DISAPPROVING OF WAR LOANS AFFECTS ALL GOVERNMENTS ALIKE. SO THAT THE DISAPPROVAL IS NOT AN UNNEUTRAL ACT. The case is entirely different in the matter of arms and ammunition because prohibition of export not only might not, but in this case would not operate equally upon nations at war. Then, too, the reason given for the disapproval of war loans is sale of arms and ammunition. The taking of money out of the United States during such a war as this might seriously embarrass the Government in case it comes to borrow money, and it might also seriously impair this nation's ability to assist the neutral nations which, though not participants in the war, are compelled to bear a heavy burden on account of the war. And again, a war loan, if offered for popular subscription in the United States would be taken up chiefly by those who are in sympathy with the belligerent seeking the loan. The result would be that great numbers of the American people might become more earnest partisans, having material interest in the success of the belligerent whose bonds they hold. These purchasers would not be confined to a few, but would spread generally throughout the country, so that the people would be divided into groups of partisans, which would result in intense bitterness and might cause an undesirable, if not a serious, situation. On the other hand, contracts for arms and ammunition are more matters of trade. The manufacturer, unless peculiarly sentimental, would sell to one belligerent as readily as he would to another. No general spirit of partisanship is aroused—no sympathies excited. The whole transaction is merely a matter of business.

"This Government has not been advised that any general loans have been made by any foreign Government in this country since the President expressed his wish that loans of this character should not be made.

"(14) Submission to arrest of native born Americans on neutral vessels and in British ports and their imprisonment.

"The German charge as to the arrest of American-born citizens on board neutral vessels and on British, the ignoring of their passports, and their confinement in jails, requires evidence to support it. That there have been cases of injustice of this sort is unquestionably true, but Americans in Germany have suffered in this way as Americans have in Great Britain. This Government has considered that the majority of these cases resulted from over zealousness on the part of the subordinate officials in both countries. Every case which has been brought to the attention of the Department of State has been properly investigated and if the facts warranted a demand for release has been made.

"(15) Indifference to confinement of non-combatants in detention camps in England and France.

"As to the detention of non-combatants confined in concentration camps, all the belligerents, with perhaps the exception of Serbia and Russia, have made similar complaints and those whom this Government is acting have been investigations, which representatives of this Government have made impartially. Their reports have shown that the treatment of prisoners is generally as good as possible under the conditions in all countries, and that there is no more reason to say that they are mistreated in one country than in another country, or that this Government has manifested an indifference in the matter. As this department's investigations seemed to develop bitterness between the countries, the department on Nov. 20 sent a circular of instruction to its representatives not to undertake further investigation of concentration camps.

"But at the special request of the German Government Mr. Jackson, former American Minister at Bucharest, now attached to the American embassy at Berlin, made an investigation of the prison camps in England. In addition to the investigations already made, the department has consented to dispatch Mr. Jackson on this important mission.

"(16) Failure to prevent transportation of British troops and war materials across the territory of the United States.

"The Department has had no specific case of the passage of convoys or troops across American territory brought to its notice. There have been rumors to this effect, but no actual facts have been presented. The transportation of remnants of all belligerents who have requested the privilege

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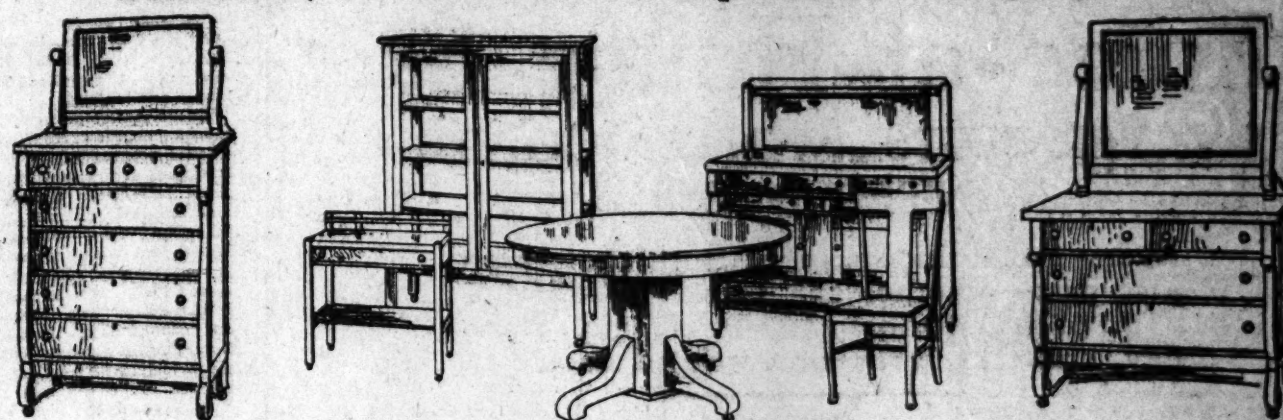
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1 Adam design Chiffonier to match		
1 Adam design three-wing Dressing Table to match		
1 Adam design 4.6 Bed to match		
1 Mahogany Sheraton Dresser		Complete for \$137.00
1 Mahogany Sheraton Chiffonier		
1 Mahogany Sheraton Dressing Table		
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has been permitted on condition that they travel as individuals and not as organized, uniformed or armed bodies. The German embassy has advised the department that it would not be likely to avail itself of the privilege, but Germany's ally, Austria-Hungary, did so.

"Only one case raising the question of the transit of war material owned by a belligerent across United States territory has come to the department's notice. This was a request on the part of the Canadian Government for permission to ship equipment across Alaska to the sea. The request was refused.

"(17) Treatment and final internment of German S. S. Geler and the Collier Lockess at Honolulu.

"The Geler entered Honolulu on Oct. 15 in an unseaworthy condition. The commanding officer reported the

necessity of extensive repairs, which would require an indefinite period for completion. The vessel was allowed the generous period of three weeks to Nov. 7 to make repairs and leave the port, on failing to do so, to be interned. A longer period would have been contrary to international practice, which does not permit a vessel to remain for a long time in a neutral port for the purpose of repairing a generally run-down condition due to long sea service. Soon after the German cruiser arrived at Honolulu a Japanese cruiser appeared at the port and the commander of the Geler chose to intern the vessel rather than to depart from the harbor.

"Shortly after the Geler entered the port of Honolulu the steamer Lockess appeared. It was found that this vessel had delivered coal to the Geler en route and had accompanied her toward Hawaii. As she had thus constituted herself a tender or collier to the Geler she was accorded the same treatment and interned on Nov. 7.

"(18) Unfreedom to Germany in rules relative to coal and warships in Panama Canal zone.

"By proclamation of Nov. 12, 1914, certain special restrictions were placed on coaling of warships or their tenders or colliers in the canal zone. These regulations were framed through the collaboration of the State, Navy and War departments and without the slightest reference to favoritism to the belligerents. Before these regulations were proclaimed war vessels could procure coal of the Panama Railway in the zone ports, but no belligerent vessels were known to have done so. Under the proclamation fuel may be taken on by belligerent warships only with the consent of the canal authorities and in such amount as will enable them to reach the nearest possible neutral port; and the amount so taken on shall be deducted from the amount procurable in United States ports within three months thereafter. Now it is charged that the United States has shown partiality, because Great Britain and France happen to have colonies in the near vicinity where their ships may coal, while Germany has no such coaling facilities. This it is intimated, the United States should balance in the inequality of geographical position by refusal to allow any warships of belligerents to coal in the canal until the war is over. As no German warship has sought to obtain coal in the canal zone, the charge of discrimination rests upon a possibility, which during several months of warfare has failed to materialize.

"(19) Failure to protest against the modifications of the Declaration of London by the British Government.

"The German Foreign Office presented to the diplomatic in Berlin a memorandum dated Oct. 10, calling attention to violations of, and changes in, the Declaration of London by the British Government and inquiring as to the attitude of the United States toward such action on the part of the allies. The substance of the memorandum was forthwith telegraphed to the department on Oct. 22, was replied to shortly thereafter to the effect that the United States had withdrawn its suggestion, made early in the war, that for the sake of uniformity, the Declaration of London should be adopted as a temporary code of naval warfare during the present war, owing to the unwillingness of the belligerents to accept the declaration without changes and modification and that therefore the United States would insist that the rights of the United States and its citizens in the war should be governed by the existing rules of international law.

"As this Government is not now interested in the adoption of the Declaration of London by the belligerents in the war, the rights of the citizens of the United States and its citizens in the war should be governed by the existing rules of international law. As they adversely affect the rights of the United States and those of its citizens as defined by international law, in so far as these rights have been infringed, the department has made every effort to obtain redress for the losses sustained.

"(20) General unfriendly attitude of Government toward Germany and Austria.

"If any American citizens, partisans of Germany and Austria-Hungary, feel that this administration is acting in a way injurious to the cause of those countries, this feeling results from the fact that on the high seas the German and Austria-Hungary naval power is thus far inferior to the British. It is the business of a belligerent operating on the high seas, not the duty of a neutral, to prevent contraband from reaching any enemy. Those in this country who sympathize with Germany and Austria-Hungary appear to assume that some obligation rests upon the Government in the performance of its neutral duty, to prevent all trade in contraband, and thus to equalize the difference between relative naval strength of the belligerents. No such obligation exists. It would be an unnatural act, and a partiality on the part of this Government, to adopt such a policy if the executive had the power to do so. If Germany and Austria-Hungary cannot import contraband from this country, it is not because of that fact, the duty of the United States to close its markets to the allies.

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Fifty Years of Church Journalism.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

In the near approach of his fiftieth year's service in church journalism, as editor of the Western Watchman, I want to say a few words in appreciation of Rev. Father D. S. Phelan.

I have known him for more than a quarter of a century. Devout, unostentatious, the very ideal of sanctity, a writer of marked ability and a priest of original thought, his work in the dual capacity of preacher and editor has attracted international attention. Father Phelan is known as well at the church and courts of Europe, as he is in St. Louis and the Western Watchman has a world-wide reputation. The thought that has inspired his editorial expressions seems to me to be the underlying principle that has given life and comprehension on important subjects to all the Catholic thinkers and writers of the country.

The Western Watchman is recognized in Catholic western newspaper as the peer of any in the United States and has done something that no other Catholic newspaper has. It has reached the heart and mind of the laity and after all this is the church of St. Peter. At no time has the Western Watchman been in its policies toward the Catholic Church or its people. Father Phelan has always written and said what he believed was just for the church and the people in communion with Rome. And his belief has always touched the real spirit of the laity. His work as a priest and editor has not only been missionary in its character, but has been compellingly convincing.

FRANK R. BIGNEY.

Odor of Sanctity.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

"If Mother Eddy rises before the resurrection, I will eat a polenta for supper and wash it down with whiskey," says Billy Sunday. I doubt not that Billy is capable of a polenta meal, but when he is cavorting around after his spirit has left his body he may not be in a condition to assimilate his food.

JAMES MUNDAY.

Panama R. R. Management.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

In your issue of today I read with a great deal of interest Mr. J. J. Hill's speech on "Freedom of Our Trade." As to his opposition to the ship bill I am not surprised, but I am surprised at what he says about the Government management of the Panama Railway. Mr. Hill knows better than to make such a ridiculous comparison. He says "the average length of haul was 41 miles. There is, therefore, little but through business. But the rate on the Panama line was 4.48 cents per ton per mile, as against 7.55 of a cent for all the railways of the United States." Isn't that awful? Too bad! Too bad! Poor management. Mr. Goethals must be an awful spendthrift to get such poor results. We ought to get one of Mr. Hill's \$10,000 per annum men to manage the road. He could do it for less than one-fourth what it cost the Government (if you believe what Mr. Hill says). But what are the facts? Everybody knows that it costs more to operate a short line. Here is a good comparison. The cost per ton per mile from the Belleville district to East St. Louis is 2.50 cents per ton per mile, and to St. Louis it is 4.48 cents per ton per mile, and costs nothing to load or unload. This refers to coal. If the United States operated all the railways in the United States the rate per ton per mile would be about .624 cents per ton per mile instead of .755 of a cent under the management of the railways by private ownership. Yours for the ship bill.

SHIP BILL.

"Real Neutrality Through War."

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

Every American ship is American territory; therefore as soon as any foreign power sets foot on an American ship, it is invading American territory and violating American neutrality. If Secretary Bryan and President Wilson have not enough backbone to demand that England let our commerce alone, then they should both resign from office, for as long as England interferes with our commerce, business conditions will not improve and the cost of living will rise. There are more people in want in this country than in Belgium. Charity begins at home. Improve conditions at home, then we can help Belgium.

There should be an embargo on wheat. I think England has made a fool of us long enough. I note England has refused safe voyage for the American ship "Dacia"—another slap in our face. Are we going to allow the American flag to be trampled on forever. If necessary send a convoy with the Dacia and all future ships. Secretary Bryan should demand the immediate surrender of all American ships and cargoes England has captured to date and immediate reimbursement for delays of cargo. If another ship is stopped, war should be declared on England.

REAL NEUTRALITY.

FUTILE FILIBUSTERING.

This is the thirty-ninth day before the end of the session. With the appropriation bills having the right of way, the combination of big business and politics which is opposing the ship purchase bill could easily eat up that space of time. An organized filibuster under the Senate rules has a capacity before which 39 days is only a morsel.

But the caucus Saturday night which adjusted differences among administration supporters removed much of the incentive for filibustering. Big business wants the bill defeated because it interferes with plans of private ship interests, more especially private ship building interests. Politics, which has been enabled to rely on Democratic help in the past, wants the bill defeated because it interferes with plans for shattering Mr. Wilson's prestige. They had confidently counted on breaking the President's power and influence under the favorable circumstances of the short session of Congress limited in time and congested with public business.

But why should standpat Senators impose on themselves the vast labor of continuous sessions and the preparation and delivery of individual 10 and 12 hour speeches when 52 members stand ready to support the bill any time it can be forced to vote, whereas not more than 44 can be held in opposition? Why should they put themselves to the inconvenience of coming back to a special session likely to be prolonged into the hot months at Washington when the Democratic differences which they thought gave them their opportunity have been composed?

To be sure, it will not be the same Congress that will have to come back, if summoned. The new Sixty-fourth Congress begins its life on March 4. But it will include most of those who are engineering pestiferous antagonism to the measure. And the Senate of the Sixty-fourth Congress will have more Democratic members and more loyal supporters of the administration than the Sixty-third Congress.

MR. HILL'S MISTAKE.

James J. Hill, Canadian-American railroad king, apparently believes that if the United States Government buys merchant ships and sends them to sea it will feel bound to protect them, but won't defend ships sent out by its citizens. Which strengthens our earlier opinion that Mr. Hill has not yet been long enough a resident in this country to understand the American spirit.

DEFINING A NEW CRIME.

If a bill Councilman Protzman has introduced by request passes the Municipal Assembly, St. Louisans will be required to notify the police whenever they move their residence or business headquarters. Failure to do so will constitute a new crime punishable by a fine of from \$10 to \$100.

The bill is not comprehensive enough. If we are to legislate for the convenience of bill collectors and others, why not legislate scientifically and effectively? The discovery of violations of the proposed law should not depend on fortuitous circumstances. Domiciliary visits by the police at regular intervals should be made obligatory to see that the law is being obeyed.

St. Louisans, to the vast benefit of van men and landlords with empty houses, move far too much, anyway. A permit system would deal with the deadbeat more painstakingly. Under a police order to show cause why a change of residence should be permitted, with the burden of proof on the man who wants to move, capitalist shifting in population could be prevented except when all bills are paid or the new location imposes no additional walk on the collector.

With a complete police registration of all citizens and a system of civic passports to be resumed whenever the address is changed, the Russian idea would be carried out more successfully.

AN INQUIRY OF PROMISE.

The resolution for an inquiry into the expenditures of the State department was broadened before being passed at Jefferson City. In its amended form it seems to cover the State Auditor's purchase of motor cars at Kansas City; also the system under which State money for election advertising is divided among two or more newspapers in some counties; also the high cost of nepotism to the State of Missouri.

The committee of inquiry can do work of absorbing interest to the taxpayers if it makes a start in a proper spirit.

AMERICAN COPPERHEADISM.

Secretary Bryan's reply to those who have criticized the administration's policy of neutrality is categorical and conclusive. It meets very patiently objections honestly made but due to misinformation. With equal candor and more force it answers troublesome questionings provoked by partisanship. The time may come when either he or the President will find it necessary to speak with much greater emphasis to people at home or abroad who are doing their best to involve us in war.

It is not difficult to understand the point of view of the various European belligerents. Englishmen and Frenchmen cannot see why we should want to carry on trade with Germany, and Germans, while admitting the legality of the traffic, nevertheless complain because we are supplying their enemies with arms and food.

Under conditions such as these there are two capital dangers. One is that in spite of international law to which we are adhering very scrupulously, public sentiment in the war zone may as a result of unwarranted assumptions of mischievous agitation be turned against us. In the desperation of those bearing the burdens of war reproaches soon become accusations, and accusations as between nations are never without menace and peril. The other danger is that through some lack of firmness, occasioned by bullying abroad or by almost treasonable assaults upon the administration at home, there may be a failure by our Government in maintaining resolutely the rights of the American people.

Contributing materially to these dangers is the attitude of such Republicans as Senator Lodge, Senator Cummins and Representative Mann. In the extreme spirit of partisanship they do not hesitate to misrepresent the President as to spread broadcast the belief that measures properly adopted by him to protect our neutrality and at the

same time give life to our commerce proceed from

tyrannous or grossly partisan motives. To awaken prejudice in the United States and Europe against the ship-purchase bill, Mr. Lodge boldly declared the other day that its object was the acquisition of the great German liners now tied up in American ports. Although he had no authority for the assertion, he has been quoted with bitterness in London already, and no doubt many of our own people, having faith in his candor, have been misled by him.

Even more dangerous are the appeals to passion and prejudice by German sympathizers like Representatives Bartholdt and Voelmer, Ex-Secretary Nagel and others who want us to discriminate against the allies and drop diplomacy for the bully's gun in dealing with England in the seas. Everywhere on earth except in the United States the horrors and the perils of this gigantic war have silenced partisans, demagogues and agitators. Here they are in full cry.

This is copperheadism worse than that we have ever known in the past, for it is international in its scope. Its success in this country cannot fail to increase enormously the difficulties of maintaining neutrality. Its triumph abroad will be signalized by nothing less than our entrance into the war which now is devastating half of Christendom.

PASS THE NEW JUSTICE COURTS BILL.

In Friday's Post-Dispatch State Representative Robertson explained the provisions of a bill now before the House at Jefferson City, the object of which is a reformation of the Justice of the Peace Courts in line with the Municipal Courts bill, which embodied an ideal system for St. Louis, but which the Legislature has twice refused to pass.

As in the case of the Municipal Courts bill, the opposition to the Robertson bill comes from the ward politicians of St. Louis, who see in it a menace to the practice of rewarding political workers with jobs as Justices and Constables, regardless of fitness or training. The Municipal Courts bill, drawn up by the Bar Association and defeated at the last session of the Legislature, would have brought St. Louis up to date in the matter of courts with simple, cheap and expeditious methods for the service of the people. This Justice Courts bill contains most of the improvements embodied in the Municipal Courts bill and is the next best thing to it. For that very reason it has the combined opposition of the spoils politicians.

The present system of Justice Courts in St. Louis is a daily grist mill of incompetence. Its evils bear hardest on the poor and unfortunate. The tactics of the opposition to the Robertson bill in the House of Representatives are those of the politician, schemer and shyster. The bill is now in the Municipal Corporations Committee, under the eye of John J. Moroney, who represents the St. Louis element that desires to maintain the present rotten Justice Courts system. The House should insist that it be removed to the Committee on Justice of the Peace, where it belongs. And it should be favorably reported and passed at the earliest possible date.

METRICAL EPIGRAM DISPROVED.

You may coat, you may sugar the bill as you will, But the taint of a subsidy clings to it still. This is what Welding Ring of New York told the National Foreign Trade Convention about the ship purchase bill. If there were any vestige of that taint, objection to the measure would vanish. All the old subsidy crowd would be enthusiastically helping to pass it, instead of filibustering against it. One of their objections to it is that it will put a crimp in all plans for a revival of the subsidy elite while national sentiment, as a result of the war, is aroused to the importance of trade fleets under the American flag.

100,000,000 AMERICANS.

Reckoning by the increase rate between 1900 and 1910, the Census Bureau estimates that the United States will number 100,000,000 at 4 p. m. April 2. Reckoning by percentages, actuary McCoy of the Treasury finds that by Feb. 1 we shall have 100,000,000 people and that the hundred million mark will be passed by the 27th or 28th of January.

The Census Bureau method is conservative to a fault. The 1890-1900 increment in population was 13,372,000; in 1900-1910 it was nearly 16,000,000. Anyone reckoning the population in 1909 by simply adding nine-tenths of the growth in the previous decade would have got a result 2,000,000 too small. The Census Bureau's recent estimates of the population of cities is very low. The McCoy method is statistically correct.

Causes that accelerate and retard growth are balanced. Against the check to immigration in the past few months set the constant improvement in sanitary science and a lowered death rate. New York City is growing faster than ever before from natural causes; the same condition is noted in other great centers of population and must maintain the growth percentage practically unchanged.

Including Alaska, the continental United States covers a quarter of the land area of the New World. It is much the best quarter. None of it is tropical and comparatively little is polar. Of the other large countries of the continent only Argentina, Canada and possibly Chile have accurate census figures. A continent in the midst of which Col. Roosevelt discovered a River of Doubt nearly 1000 miles long cannot count its forest dwellers. All America outside of the United States cannot have more than 90,000,000; the number is doubtless smaller than that. In wealth, commerce and productivity, the primacy of the United States is overwhelming.

A SAFE AND SANE PEACE DAY.

July 4 has been officially adopted for "Peace day" at the coming Frisco Exposition. We shall burn a little powder on that serene occasion, a trifle of a few hundred tons. Yet the inconsistency is only an apparent, not a real one.

If we burnt up all our ammunition in the merely peaceful and joyous slaughter of our own innocents on the Fourth of July, leaving us none to sell to belligerents, the celebration would materially hasten the desired end.

Nothing makes for peace so surely as burnt powder, any way you look at it.



"CROWN OF THORNS."

JUST A MINUTE

Written for the POST-DISPATCH by Clark McAdams

ARCTOMY'S MONAX.

I.
Friends of a season somewhat mild—
Arctomys Monax, by your leave!
Here is one who has never fled
Any prediction to deceive.
Known as the groundhog ere the seers,
Paid by the government, were heard—
Prophet and reader of the years,
Arctomys Monax speaks a word.

II.
Arctomys Monax makes a point—
Who is so cruel as to scoff?
Now that the times are out of joint,
Could we not kindly let him off?
He is at heart a neutral, too,
Here where the fruits of peace obtain—
Here where the skies are soft and blue—
Arctomys Monax will explain.

III.
Say that his prophecy shall mean
Cheer for the Russian in his fur!
Say that the grass is soon to green,
And that the German's valor stirs!
Say that the ice, or that the snow,
Means an advantage anywhere—
Things that we else are not to know—
What is a neutral's duty there?

IV.
Friends of a fair and neutral state,
Earth is red, and the ocean deep,
Through with the armaments of hate—
Arctomys Monax wants to sleep.
Arctomys cares him not a whit
Either for Turk or Romanoff,
Nor would he aid them with his wit—
Could we not kindly let him off?

HIS LAST SUNDAY.

A minister in a small town, who probably had the usual difficulty in getting his salary after he had worked hard to earn it, just before making a change to another field, addressed his congregation as follows: "Dear friends, you don't love me because you don't pay my salary. You don't love me another because there are no weddings, and God doesn't want you because nobody does. Now, brethren, I have been appointed chaplain of the penitentiary in this state and this will be my last Sunday among you. I will preach from the text, 'I go to prepare a place for you,' after which the choir will sing 'Meet Me There!'"

—Calhoun County (Ill.) Republican.

Secretary Redfield can never be a popular disputant in the debate on the shipping bill. He gets down to facts too quickly.

Nice retrograded weather, isn't it?

"SING NOT OF HATE."

From the London Chronicle.
Under the heading, "Song of Hate; Sing It Not; It Is Hateful," the Vienna Fremdenblatt protests against Ernst Lassauer's famous poem.
The "Song of Hate" appeared first in Jugend, and has become a sort of national war anthem in Germany. The Fremdenblatt says:
Sing not the song of hate. It is a hateful song. And foreign to the Austrian nature. We are fighting not for hate; But against hate, and faithlessness and greed and envy, Which have set the world in flames;

We are fighting for honor and right. For Fatherland, home, morality and civilization; And we would prefer to fight with a pure conscience and pure heart. Hence must we uphold, within ourselves, that love of our fellow men which our noble troops have shown. When they have handed over bread to the starving enemy in the trenches. And which we are all in need of, despite the sorrow and suffering that is breaking the hearts of our old folk and women and children; In order to go forward with confidence and courage; To fulfill our duties, and to restore order and security. Poison not the souls of the children with

hate. We are fighting for the later generations that we may establish such a peace that never again shall the nations be roused to fury. And brought to terrible crimes through reckless hate fanning, systematic lying. Just as the Austrian soldier is not cruel. So let the citizen at home keep his Austrian goodness of heart, and ever look upon the enemy as a fellow human creature. Who soever hate shall reap hate. We are fighting for the peace of the world. And may the Lord God in his grace soon grant it unto us.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

DATES.
A. F. M.—The first arrest in the "country store" crusade was made Dec. 5, 1913, and the cases were disposed of in the Court of Criminal Correction Jan. 23, 1914.
W. E. Y.—Washington was born Feb. 11, 1797, according to the Julian calendar, but to conform to the Gregorian calendar, which was adopted to regularize errors in the computation of time and which omitted 11 days, the anniversary day was changed to Feb. 22.

HEALTHY MINDS.
THANK YOU.—Tuberculosis treatment: Mt. St. Rose Hospital, 803 S. Broadway, State Sanitarium, Mt. Vernon, Mo.; Ottawa tent colony, Ottawa, Ill.

LAW POINTS.
FRANK.—See Justice of the Peace about the debt for your work.
O. E. Z.—Make nothing for yourself or anyone, if there is a patent.
C. H.—A lawsuit may bring out the information desired, but it is doubtful.
B. T.—No notice to vacate is necessary if tenant has not paid the rent.
VERY GREEN.—To war again you must prove that wife divorced you.
ELAT.—Flat tenant cannot beat rug on upper porch if dirt falls on lower tenant.
W. B.—Any salary may be garnished; that of head of family is only 10 per cent.
LONESOME.—Wife cannot take the furniture unless she has—paid for with her own money.
C. F. W.—If bill is not returned by the President within 10 days (Sundays excepted), it becomes a law.
BELLEVILLE.—In Illinois if wages of head of family are more than \$15 a week there may be garnishment.
B. B.—We advise submitting the agreement to an attorney; we cannot guess at it. All must expect to share costs in the partition suit.
ONE WHO, ETC.—There is no law under which a street railway manager could be indicted for the "indecent" incident to crowded cars.
READER.—Just address your letter "Public Administrator," County, O., and it will reach him. Each county has its own public administrator.
L. W. B.—The payments you have made would make no difference; unless you live up to the requirements of the mortgage the time-payment house can foreclose.
AWFUL WORRIED.—Not being restricted in any way from engaging in business, the party you sold your former business to has no recourse whatever. So don't worry.
PROPERTY OWNER.—Tire escape law does not apply to three-story dwelling house occupied by one family. Hotels, boarding houses, business houses and places where people assemble must have escapes.
J. E. W.—We quote you the statute as it stands, to-wit: "If a man, having by a woman a child or children, shall afterward, in company with her, and shall recognize such child or children to be his, they shall thereby be legitimated." That should speak for itself in your case.
E. M. L.—You cannot claim all the interest in the patent because of giving you a one-third interest and he dying and leaving no heirs; more heirs may bob up than you may think if patent becomes valuable or is so now, but if none, it escheats to State (his two-thirds interest).
EVER GRATEFUL.—Time payment houses carry insurance that protects their unpaid part of plane, furniture, etc. and not the borrower. To protect yourself insure the full amount and have clause inserted in policy as follows: "Notice of chancel mortgage for part purchase money waived."
P. J.—One person cannot draw two pensions. Widow may draw as the wife of a deceased soldier of the Civil War or as the mother of a deceased soldier of the Spanish War. A man physically sound and accepted as an enlisted man in the U. S. army, navy or marine corps and who is disabled or incurs some disability in service and line of duty, would have a pensionable status.
W. M. K.—You will be required to publish notice in newspapers and inform such places of business as you know of with whom she has been dealing, not to extend her credit on your account. However, that matter is not of your concern. From any necessities she may purchase, depending upon circumstances of the case, if she has left you, it is other yours. Debtors, though, will no doubt heed the warning, whether you are liable or not.
W. G. K.—It is the Federal law to shoot any wild bird whatsoever either over, on or from the banks of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers at this time, the open season having ended. The Federal law may be shot in Missouri under the Federal law until Feb. 1, but not on these two rivers. They are closed absolutely, and will not be opened to any kind of shooting again in this State unless the Missouri Game and Fish Commission, which is now passing a law prohibiting shooting from motorboats, if the Legislature refuses to do this, the Government will stop motorboating shooting by closing these rivers to all shooting. Under the Missouri State law, now rendered null and void after Jan. 1 by the Federal law, the open season for ducks and geese on these rivers continues from Sep. 15 to May 1. The constitutional law decision on law is being tested on a case taken up from Arkansas and the decision out of the United States Supreme Court is expected this spring.

MISCELLANEOUS.
M. R.—Try phoning stockyards.
G. S. F.—Police say 24-30. Application blanks at police headquarters.
E. L. C.—Loan shark can collect only his legal rate of interest. He cannot take more than 10 per cent.
DUMMIE.—For telephone employment see telephone headquarters.
XXX.—One year after date I promise to pay J. B. E. for value received with interest at 6 per cent. Anna Dill.
S. T. R.—South American countries having "yellow fever" are: Argentina, Chile (San Marino is a small republic in Italy).
J.—Jitter, said to be thieves' slang for a 5-cent piece, is supposed by some to be a corruption of the French word, a coin of trifling value.
DISCOURAGED.—Cure for drunkards: Drunkards have been cured by mere suggestion in sleep. This prescription has been recommended. Must be taken twice a day, perhaps for months. Sulphate of iron, 5 grains; nuxvom, 10 grains; pepper, mint water, 10 drops; spirit of nutmeg, 10 drops. Other remedies are fruit eating. Some have got rid of the drink habit by a vegetarian diet.
BOOSTER.—Reckoning production 1908 census, \$26,000,000; St. Louis, same census, \$4,000,000; St. Louis in 1912, \$5,000,000; St. Louis best (1912 census), \$2,147,000; Milwaukee, same census, \$1,843,000. "Of the whole world," said Art-let Weber, "St. Louis has the greatest concentration in scenery." Said President Taft: "I can't miss St. Louis if I want to, and wouldn't if I could." President Roosevelt named St. Louis "the sparkling city." The son of Charles Dickens said: "I had thought the residence districts in Melbourne about the finest anywhere, but St. Louis is more beautiful." Said Sir William Furness, a former Lord Mayor of London: "I would rather live in St. Louis than in any other American city." Said a European, Saunders Norvell said: "I compared every city I visited with St. Louis and there was not one that would stand the comparison with St. Louis as a city of homes."
Coin Values.—Published Weekly.
VALUE.—U. S. \$1 half dollar, if Liberty cap, with 1864 seal, and date, 1864; half cent, 1862, 5 cts. J. J. M. S. etc.
U. S. P. VALUE ONLY.—Market: R. G. W. P. Abie; L. and H. J. O. G. J. C. H. Jr.; Post-Dispatch; K. M. means face value only. U. S. P. cents were not coined until 1793; J. P. P. Reinhold Fischer; T. A. H. (Quotations by St. Louis dealers, address questions, "Answers," 2

An Official Dispatch

Wherein the strategy of the "Army" outwits the strategy of the "Navy" in a siege to occupy a fair lady's heart.

By Annette Kittredge.

AFTER a social campaign of several months, after a siege of attention from every eligible officer, both military and naval, within a day's journey of "The Harbor," it was observed that the heretofore impenetrable fortress of Miss Mapleson's heart showed signs of weakening.

But, alas! every man cannot win, and it was finally reluctantly conceded that Miss Mapleson's favor shone on two men only—young Commander Gay and Capt. Henderson. By the other forces, commanded by officers of greater or less degree, were quietly withdrawn to a point of vantage to watch the tactics of the two remaining besiegers. It was doubly interesting, as they represented the two branches of the service—it was the Army against the Navy.

The chances offered to each were equal, for while Commander Gay's duty aboard the dispatch boat Walrus often carried him away from the field of action, Capt. Henderson, who was often detained at his post, the fortified island in the center of the harbor.

It was falling to Gay to have to run his boat over to the island and carry back his rival (with others of the garrison) to the scene of strife. But it was no more galling than for Henderson to be detained on the island, while he knew Gay was ashore and carrying on the siege undisturbed.

Gay Accepts the Note.

FINALLY, a week before Miss Mapleson's departure, and on a night when Henderson was detained on the island, Gay (glowing over the fact), called to find the house of Mapleson in much confusion, owing to the fact that Miss Mapleson's departure had been hastened, and she was to leave the following evening.

"Promote!" exclaimed Gay in a shout of despair. "Oh, then, Miss Mapleson, won't you allow me the honor of giving you a dinner aboard the Walrus and taking you across the harbor to the station?"

"I think that would be charming, only I fear I must decline the first part," said Miss Mapleson. "You see, I have half accepted an invitation to dinner, and I can't very well get out of it."

"But if you should find that the half-accepted invitation for dinner does not materialize into a full one, may I have that pleasure as well as the trip across the bay?"

Miss Mapleson smiled in a peculiar fashion. "Yes, in that case I shall be delighted to accept." Then she held out a note to Gay.

"I wonder if it would be too much to ask you to drop this note at the island tomorrow?" said Gay. "I'm afraid, if I send it by mail, it will arrive too late."

"It will give me the greatest pleasure, Miss Mapleson," and Gay said it in a tone of voice that implied a willingness to start the Walrus for the Fols that night, if Miss Mapleson desired it.

As Gay threw his coat over a chair that night, the note—an innocent enough bit of paper—fell from his pocket, and, as he picked it up, he read the address of Capt. Henderson.

Then that innocent-looking note bore its appearance and began its serious work. Its pale, meek face bore the name of Gay's hated rival, its heart contained a message for him—evil thought—undoubtedly about that dinner Miss Mapleson spoke of, Henderson's last chance. This spoke the note to Gay's jealous, fainting mind. Except for his message, Henderson would probably remain unaware of Miss Mapleson's departure until too late. Mean, villainously mean thoughts did that note suggest to the infuriated Gay.

At last he slipped it back into his pocket, and turned out the light.

"Of course, I am absent-minded, and then again, I would never think of wearing that coat in the morning," murmured Gay, as he "turned in."

Still No Answer Came.

THE next morning found the besieged garrison rather uneasy, a state of feeling not unnatural to a garrison that is about to capitulate, but is not quite positive with which force. However, Miss Mapleson had (almost unknown to herself), decided that the Army should determine the terms of surrender. But at 11 o'clock came, and there was no signal—no flag of truce from the enemy. Twelve o'clock—one and the Army was still silent. At 2, Miss Mapleson began to realize how much she had longed for that message; and at 4, somewhat frightened at her own feelings, and determined to prove to herself that she really did not care, she sent a note to Commander Gay stating that "she found with pleasure that she could accept his invitation for dinner." And the Navy beamed with delight.

The second and last trip of the Walrus was made to the island at 5, and Gay's outrageously hardened conscience never gave him a pang as he gazed at the blue-coated figure of Capt. Henderson on the wharf. The Captain had expected a note from Miss Mapleson setting the time for his dinner that evening, and no excuse that he made to himself could satisfactorily explain that young lady's silence. If Gay's heart could have been softened, the Captain's dejected attitude would have done it, but instead, the picture of the defeated foe seemed to inspire him with a fiercer energy, and, with a "last look" at just out of reach, he called:

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CHAPTERS FROM A WOMAN'S LIFE

By Dale Drummond.

Chapter CXXV.

CHRISTMAS was past, and I could not help but be thankful. It had, as on the year before, brought too many sad memories, too intense a longing for my husband's presence, too many things to do, too many of the kindnesses of my friends, and all my lovely gifts.

Every one had remembered me so nicely with dainty, useful gifts, bearing some association of the giver. Emmie had just bought me a new dress from Mrs. Flann and Mrs. Carmen, besides those from mother and others. Mrs. Carmen's gift to me had been a check the size of which made me doubtful about accepting it until I read her letter.

"You will take this gift, Sue, which apparently has cost me no thought," she wrote, "in just the spirit I send it. Use it to furnish some one room in the new home you are planning. Then no matter where I may be you will have a daily reminder of me, my love for you."

Mr. Carmen came home on the second day of the year; happy over the improvement in his wife's health, and glad to get back to his business.

"Nell Was Very Frail."

NOW that Mr. Carmen had returned my duties in the household narrow, so patient, so thoughtful, even of those who were paid to be thoughtful of her! As I sat with her I often thought of the difference in us, myself and Nell. We were married about the same time, our husbands were nearly the same age, earning about the same salary. I thought of Nell's economy, her holding Rumsy back when she thought he was working too hard, loving him infinitely more than the things his extra earnings might have procured; of her waiting until they had money enough saved—a little at a time—to

build their simple pretty home that from the first Jack had envied them. The contrast was painful, horrible to me, I urging Jack to the limit of his strength, often beyond it, to satisfy my extravagant desires; my running him into debt until he never knew which way to turn. How to meet them; my aging people of wealth in my house, my furnishings, automobiles, etc., and then the crash. But whenever I put these thoughts into words Nell always stopped me.

"You have stoned, Sue. Don't spoil your life with constant regrets. We all love you, and are so incredibly proud of you!" she comforted.

"A Talk on Old Times."

GERTIE CUMMINGS often met me at Nell's, and we three would talk of the time when we first became acquainted, of Emmie's coming, and of how they used to envy me two things—my baby and my taste in dress.

"I used to look at you wheeling that precious baby up and down the street, precocious looking like a fashion plate, when I knew you had made every stitch you had on, and done most of your housework besides. My, but I was envious! I thought you were a wonder," Gertrude laughed.

"If I only had been content to keep on that way!" sighed, "I was really happy then, girls."

"I thought I had forbidden you to talk that way," Nell admonished.

"Do you remember the party you gave for Jack's mother and sister? It was the prettiest I ever had ever given," Gertrude reminded.

"By the way, Sue, what has become of that youngest sister of Jack's? Annette, I believe they called her."

"She married some time ago. A very rich man, but her grandfather, I told them, almost her grandfather, I told them, 'I heard they were living in Europe.'"

"I remember her," Nell quoted. "I was attracted to her the moment I met her."

"She was a perfect dear!" I replied enthusiastically.

Then I told them of her kindness to me on my first visit to Boston; of her coming to me with offers of help and advice; of her kindness to me in my distress with her sister.

"I shall always regret that we are no longer friends," I finished. "As far as Janet is concerned, I don't care. She was always proud and cold, but Annette was different."

(To Be Continued.)

Fear: The Soul's White Plague

IF we could by some miracle discover the real cause of all the crimes in the world, I mean the basic cause that underlies intricate human psychology, we would probably be surprised to find that at least 75 per cent of the crimes are committed through fear. It is the white plague of the soul.

Cowardice is a thing that can so pathetically enter into the smallest events of daily life that constant vigilance alone can drive it out. It is not surprising either when we consider with what care we are actually taught to fear. It is only in the last decade parents have begun to fight the dreadful enemy cowardice in their children. Young girls especially suffered from fear. They were taught in their infancy that the darkness was a cause for terror. When they were naughty they were punished with the exquisite cruelty of "The bogey man."

I remember my mother telling about a nurse who always frightened her with tales of a personal devil, who would grab her from behind if she were wicked. She was forbidden to play in the attic because it was considered unhealthy on account of dust, but to the attic she often went on rainy days. It was the usual fascinating place of trunks and broken down furniture, old silk dresses and hats and parasols.

One day my mother sneaked up the stairs with her doll and arrayed herself in an old costume of her mother. She was just having a very pleasant time when she heard the voice of her nurse calling her. She immediately remembered the devil and her one thought was to escape. So she ran with the old dress trailing after her. When she got to the top of the stairs a nail in the floor caught in the skirt and held her. Of course, she thought it was the devil who had her for the wickedness of disobeying. She screamed herself into hysterics, which resulted in a spell of illness.

This is only an isolated example of the

result of the doctrine of fear. As we grow older we are taught, if not in words, at least in example, to fear criticism and opinion and convention and even truth. How many of us prepare our daughters for the truths of life? We gloss over the difficult places with a coating of glittering romanticism that only holds while we are looking at life—not when we are really living with it. Cowardice is the mother of lies. We fear to offend and so we lie. We fear to discover our weaknesses because we may lose the regard of others and so again we lie until we scarcely recognize the truth in our own minds.

The most usual and the most ridiculous bugaboo that haunts us, young and old, is Mrs. Grundy. Who of us has not something to hide from her: small things, perhaps, but so carefully concealed as a miser's treasure?

How to Cure Rheumatism

Here is a prescription for rheumatism to be used in all cases. It is a simple, safe, and effective remedy. It is made of the following ingredients: 1. One ounce of Epsom salt. 2. One ounce of Goulard's extract. 3. One ounce of Castor oil. 4. One ounce of White wine vinegar. 5. One ounce of Pure olive oil. 6. One ounce of Pure almond oil. 7. One ounce of Pure rose oil. 8. One ounce of Pure lavender oil. 9. One ounce of Pure bergamot oil. 10. One ounce of Pure lemon oil. 11. One ounce of Pure orange oil. 12. One ounce of Pure cinnamon oil. 13. One ounce of Pure clove oil. 14. One ounce of Pure nutmeg oil. 15. One ounce of Pure ginger oil. 16. One ounce of Pure cardamom oil. 17. One ounce of Pure allspice oil. 18. One ounce of Pure anise oil. 19. One ounce of Pure fennel oil. 20. One ounce of Pure dill oil. 21. One ounce of Pure coriander oil. 22. One ounce of Pure caraway oil. 23. One ounce of Pure celery oil. 24. One ounce of Pure cucumber oil. 25. One ounce of Pure melon oil. 26. 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PLAYGOERS' GUIDE.

Julius H. H. in "The Crinoline Girl," Olympic engagement comedy this evening.

Myrna Loy in "The Crinoline Girl," Olympic engagement comedy this evening.

Return engagement of popular comedy-drama of New England.

"The White Dress," Park. First popular priced presentation of successful musical comedy.

"The Gambler," Shandor. Charles Klein's strong drama effectively played.

Vanderbilt. Columbia. Bill headed by Eddie Foy and the Seven Little Foys.

Vanderbilt. Hippodrome. Bill headed by Svengali, "the man of mystery."

"Honey of 1915," Standard. Burlesque and vaudeville.

"The Great Gatsby," Playhouse. Burlesque and vaudeville.

Miss Ruth Robertson of Mexico, who is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. F. L. Brown, of 2705 Cass avenue, will entertain Wednesday afternoon with a bridge party.

Miss Lila Brady of Erie, Pa., who has been visiting Miss Eleanor Scott of 21 Portland place, returned to her home Saturday.

Miss Edith Whittemore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Churchil Whittemore of 19 Hortense place will have a dinner and theater party Thursday evening for Miss Nancy Scott's guest, Miss Margaret Ramsdell of Buffalo, N. Y. There will be 10 in the party.

Miss Nancy Scott, daughter of Mrs. Henry Clarkson Scott of 21 Westmoreland place, entertained at luncheon Friday in honor of her guest, Miss Ramsdell.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Perry of 80 Vandeventer place gave a dance Friday evening for their school-girl daughter, Miss Marguerite Perry. There were about 60 guests, who were members of the junior set.

Miss Emma Beckman of 1434 Farragut street and Eugene R. Gans of 2908 Shenandoah avenue were married at noon today, at the home of the bride, in the presence of the nearest relatives and friends.

Afterward Mr. Gans and his bride departed for the East to spend their honeymoon. They will visit New York and other places of interest. Upon their return they will be at home in the Earl apartments, 409 D. Tony street.

Mrs. Celeste Price Thomson and Miss Minnie Price of 232 Cass avenue will depart today for Boston, Mass., to reside.

St. Agnes Guild of St. George's Episcopal Church is arranging an interesting exhibit of children's smoked frocks, household linens and various hand work done by the members. It will be Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Miss Ada Winston is president of the guild and the affair is under the direction of Mrs. Charles McClure Thompson. Mrs. John S. Harris and Mrs. Charlton Messick. Tea will be served during the afternoon.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.
Hamilton A. Smith, 203 Arsenal; boy, 10, to Mary E. Payne, 3039 Finney.
Anthony J. Lohr, 216 Carroll; boy, 10, to Mary E. Payne, 3039 Finney.
Frank McDevitt, 216 Carroll; boy, 10, to Mary E. Payne, 3039 Finney.
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STOCK MARKET

IS ACTIVE IN A DOWNWARD DIRECTION

Selling of Steel Common Is a Feature; Bond Demand Is Good.

My Leased Wire From the New York

Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The Evening

Post, in its copyrighted financial review

today, says:

The incidents of the day's news

most discussed in Wall street were the

Bryan letter and publication of the full

text of the Bryan letter in the

North Sea. The lengthy explanation by

the Secretary of State was read with

much interest, and the feeling appeared

to be that it had cleared the situation

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the market was reactionary. But the

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New York Stock Quotations

Reported daily by the Post-Dispatch by G. H.

Walker & Co., 307 N. Fourth street.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.

STOCKS.

Alaska Gold Mining Co. 24 1/2

Am. Beet Sugar 24 1/2

Am. Can. 24 1/2

Am. C. & P. 24 1/2

Am. Cotton Oil 24 1/2

Am. Sugar 24 1/2

Am. T. & E. 24 1/2

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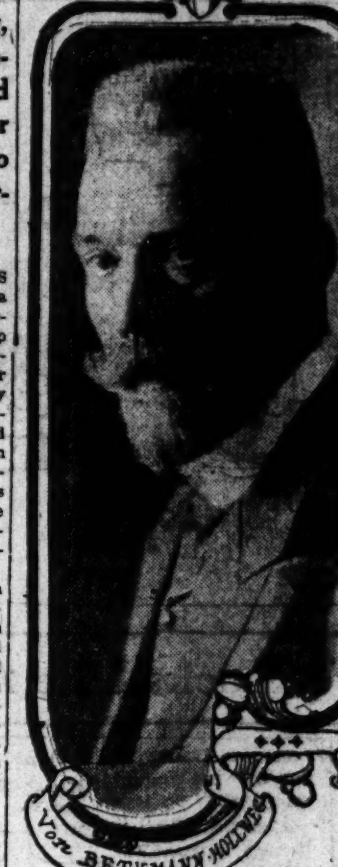
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German Chancellor Says Belgian Treaty Was Only "Scrap of Paper" to England

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, Explaining Famous Remark, Declares England Went Into War, Not for Belgian Neutrality, but to Promote Her Own Interests.



Recalls His Effort of Years to Bring About Understanding Between Britain and Germany, Which Would Have Enabled Approaching U. S. as Third Partner.

GENERAL FIELD HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY IN FRANCE, via Berlin and London, Jan. 24.—"I am surprised to learn that my phrase 'a scrap of paper' which I used in my last conversation with the British Ambassador in reference to the Belgian neutrality treaty should have caused such an unfavorable impression in the United States. The expression was used in quite another connection and the meaning implied in Sir William Goschen's report and the turn given to it in the biased comment of our enemies are undoubtedly responsible for this impression."

The speaker was Dr. Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Imperial Chancellor, and the conversation with a representative of the Associated Press occurred at the German Army Headquarters in a town in Northern France and in a villa serving as the office and dwelling for the Imperial Chancellor, for the Foreign Minister, Gottlieb von Jagow, and for the members of the diplomatic suite accompanying Emperor William.

The Anglo-Belgian military agreement which we have found in the meantime show plainly enough how England regarded this neutrality. As you know, we found in the archives of the Belgian Foreign Office documents which showed that England in 1911 was determined to throw troops into Belgium without the assent of the Belgian Government if war had then broken out; in other words, to do exactly the same thing for which with all the paths of virtuous indignation it now reproaches Germany.

"In some later dispatch Sir Edward Grey, I believe, informed Belgium that he did not believe England would justify that action. England, people in the United States wonder that I characterized as a scrap of paper the treaty whose observance, according to responsible statements, should be dependent on the pleasure of British public opinion—a treaty which England later, in long stages, undermined with its military agreements with Belgium."

"Remember, too, that Sir Edward Grey expressly refused to assure us of England's neutrality even in the event that Germany respected Belgian neutrality."

"I can understand, therefore, the English displeasure of my characterization of the treaty of 1910 as a scrap of paper, for a scrap of paper was for England extremely valuable, furnishing an excuse before the world for embarking in the war. I hope, however, that in the United States you will see clearly enough that England in this matter, too, acted solely on the principle of 'right or wrong, my interest.'"

"The Chancellor during the conversation had twice risen to take a few impatient steps about the room. He spoke calmly enough, but with an undertone of deep feeling, particularly when he mentioned his efforts for an understanding with England and world peace, which he had hoped would come from them, based on an agreement between Great Britain, Germany and the United States, and with a sense of thorough conviction in the justice of the German position toward Belgium."

"When I spoke I already had certain indications, but no absolute proposition, on which to base a public accusation, that Belgium long before had abandoned its neutrality in its relations with England. Nevertheless, I took Germany's responsibilities toward the neutral states so seriously that I spoke frankly of the accusation committed by Germany."

"What was the British attitude on the same question?" asked the Chancellor. "The day before my conversation with Ambassador Goschen, Sir Edward Grey (British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs), had delivered his well-known speech in Parliament in which, while he had not stated expressly that England would take part in the war, he had left no doubt in the matter."

"One needs only to read his speech through carefully to learn the reason for England's intervention in the war. Amid all his beautiful phrases about England's honor and England's obligations we find it over and over again expressed that England's interest—its own interest—call for participation in the war, if it is not in England's interests that a victorious, and therefore, stronger, Germany, should emerge from the war."

"Cites Gladstone's Speech." "This old principle of the English policy—to take as the sole criterion of its actions its private interests, regardless of right, reason or consideration of humanity—is expressed in that speech of Gladstone's in 1870 on behalf of Belgium, from which Sir Edward quoted."

"Mr. Gladstone then declared that he was unable to subscribe to the doctrine that the simple fact of the existence of a guarantee is binding on every party therein, irrespectively of the particular position in which it may find itself at a time when for action on the guarantee arrives, and he referred to such English statesmen as Aberdeen and Palmerston as supporters of his views."

"The Chancellor apparently had not relished the subject until his attention was called to the extent which the phrase had been used in discussion on the responsibility of the war. He then volunteered to give an explanation of his meaning, which, in substance, was that he had spoken of the treaty not as a scrap of paper for Germany, but as an instrument, which had become obsolete through Belgium's forfeiture of its neutrality, and that Great Britain had quite other reasons for entering into the war, compared to which the neutrality treaty appeared to have only the value of a scrap of paper."

"In conversation with Sir William Goschen," said the Chancellor, "occurred Aug. 4, I had just declared in the Reichstag that only dire necessity and only the struggle for existence compelled Germany to march through Belgium, but that Germany was ready to make compensation for the wrong committed."

"When I spoke I already had certain indications, but no absolute proposition, on which to base a public accusation, that Belgium long before had abandoned its neutrality in its relations with England. Nevertheless, I took Germany's responsibilities toward the neutral states so seriously that I spoke frankly of the accusation committed by Germany."

"What was the British attitude on the same question?" asked the Chancellor. "The day before my conversation with Ambassador Goschen, Sir Edward Grey (British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs), had delivered his well-known speech in Parliament in which, while he had not stated expressly that England would take part in the war, he had left no doubt in the matter."

"One needs only to read his speech through carefully to learn the reason for England's intervention in the war. Amid all his beautiful phrases about England's honor and England's obligations we find it over and over again expressed that England's interest—its own interest—call for participation in the war, if it is not in England's interests that a victorious, and therefore, stronger, Germany, should emerge from the war."

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"Bill" S'MATTER POP?

In Which Bill and the "Scoop" Run Afoul of Each Other Again, and the Former, With Izzy Katz's Assistance, Gets the Better of the Round.

By Paul West.

MEETS up with me friend Izzy Katz, down in the hall, wan mornin', an' we starts fer the elevator fer to go up to our dumpy, when just as we're steppin' foot in the car, sumpin' grabs us be the listeners, an' we're across the hall, agin the wall, wid the Scoop shakin' his bunch o' fists in our faces.

"That'll learn th' bot o' youse kids," he says. "Learn us what?" says Izzy. "Fer not to be pushin' yer way in the elevators when they's udders ahead o' youse," he says. "Who did?" I says. "Youse did," says th' Scoop. "The same as youse allus do. Anybody'd be t'inkin' in youse was th' only t'initins in the buildin'. Yer th' biggest pests, that's what youse are, an' y' make more trouble than th' plumbin'."

"I've got a nerve, y' big b'ler," I says. "I'll tell me Boss," I says, "when I'm late this mornin', 'twas because youse wouldn't leave me ride up." "Yeah," he says, "an' I'll be tellin' him, pretty soon, plenty o' things about youse." "Such as what?" I says. "Such as monkeyin' wid th' bells on yer floor," he says. "What bells?" I says. "What bells?" he says. "Oh y' dunno nuttin' about it, o' course. I do, an' 'tis fer that I'm learnin' youse a lesson this minnut, an' makin' youse walk upstairs if y' want to be gettin' there at all today. So beat it fer th' ladder," he says, "an' don't be settin' there givin' me th' not guilty, jedge, look! An' youse, too," he says, givin' Izzy a h'ist along wid me.

"G'wan, y' big lummux," says Izzy. "What've I done?" "Enough," says th' Scoop. "Yer a fren' o' this imp, an' that's plenty."

"What's this gag about th' bells on yer floor, anyhow?" says Izzy, as we beats it up the stairs. "I dunno," I says, "what bells th' Scoop was talkin' about, but he'll know about some udders before I git t'rough." "What's th' gag?" says Izzy.

"Lissen," I says. "He won't leave us use th' elevators, won't he? Well, if he won't, we'll give 'em plenty exercise, anyhow. Th' minnut y' git th' chance," I says, "an' all day long whenever yer not to busy, take a sneak out in the hall, quick, an' ring th' elevator bell. I'll do th' same," I says. "An' we'll keep thim balloons shootin' up an' down all day till they won't have no breath left. Maybe we won't be ride in 'em," I says, "but we'll keep 'em movin'."

"Gran," says Izzy, "only we gotter be cagey th' guys runnin' 'em don't nall us."

Bill and Izzy Keep the Elevator Pretty Busy.

WELL, say, it worked simply fine! I every time I got a chance, I ducked out in the hall an' give th' tinkler a touch an' ducked back. An' thim youse'd hear th' car comin' up an' stoppin', an' th' sink takin' a peak 'round fer to see who'd rung th' song, an' thim goin' down agin. An' when I wasen' agin fer th' balloon Izzy was, from th' floor on top.

"Bout noontime th' two guys runnin' th' cars was gettin' warmed up, an' when they'd answer th' bell an' find nobody there they'd sling a little fancy talk that was gettin' hotter an' hotter all th' time. They wasn't th' only wans was slingin' talk elder, because, when they got wise somebody was playin' a gag on 'em, an' wouldn't answer th' bells. It only made th' t'ings worse. Y' see, we wasn't th' only persons ringin' fer 'em they was plenty o' reel business."

When I beat it fer home in th' afternoon, takin' th' stairs like th' Scoop told me, he gimme a look as I passed him down in the hall, but I never let on I seen him at all. Thim when I got 'round th' corner Izzy was waitin' fer me, an' we cert'ly did fall onto each udder's neck an' pass th' time o' day.

"An' lissen," says Izzy, "it ain't only started. Haff th' t'initins ain't been boddered be it yet, but by tomorron noon, Oh, Mamma!"

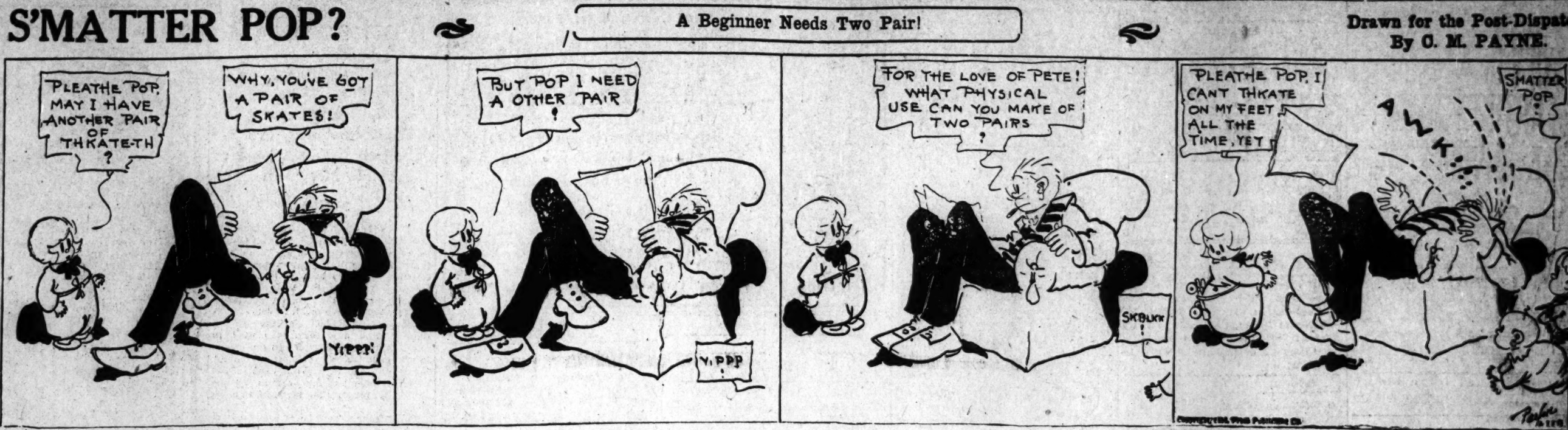
An' he was right. Th' nex' day we took it a little easier, fer to start it, but after lunch we cert'ly did play th' chimes on thim elevator bells, an' th' t'initins an' th' elevator min was in each udder's whiskers all th' time. An' thim th' Scoop got into it, only instead o' th' elevator man, 'twas th' Scoop. 'Twas about 2 o'clock, an' th' Scoop haster take a run over to court in a rush, so he goes out an' touches th' bell. No elevator, an' he slams it agin. Nuttin' doin'. I'm peekin' out th' door.

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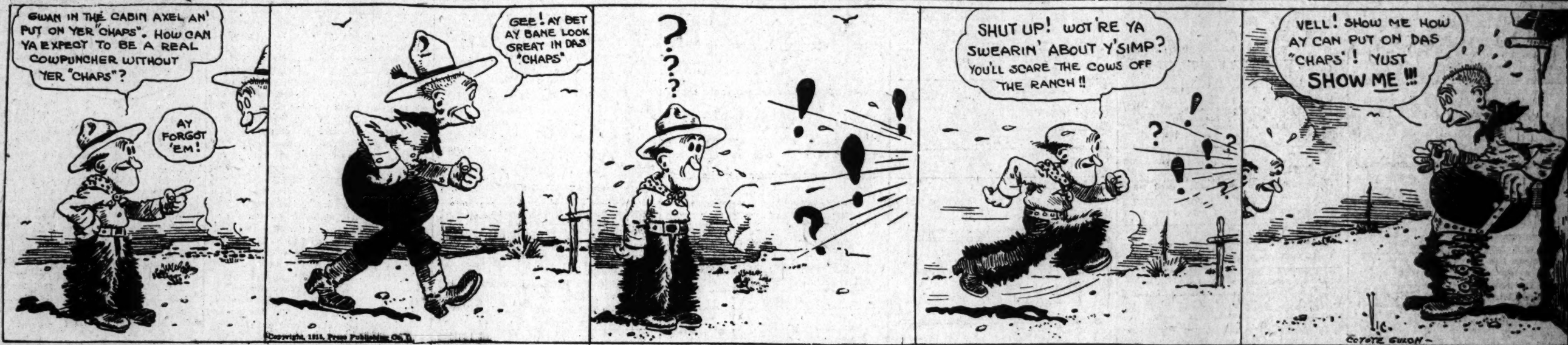
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By morning, most, if not all, of your dandruff will be gone, and three or four more applications will completely dissolve, and entirely destroy, every single sign and trace of it, no matter how much dandruff you may have.

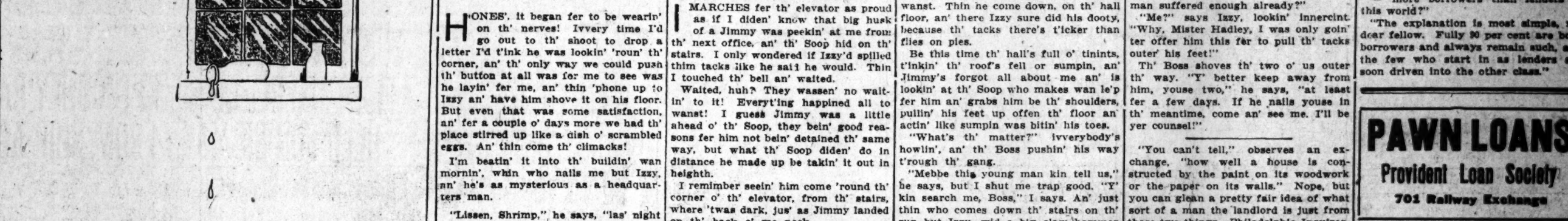
You will find all itching and digging of the scalp will stop instantly and your hair will be finer, lustrous, glossy, silky and soft, and look and feel a hundred times better.—ADV.



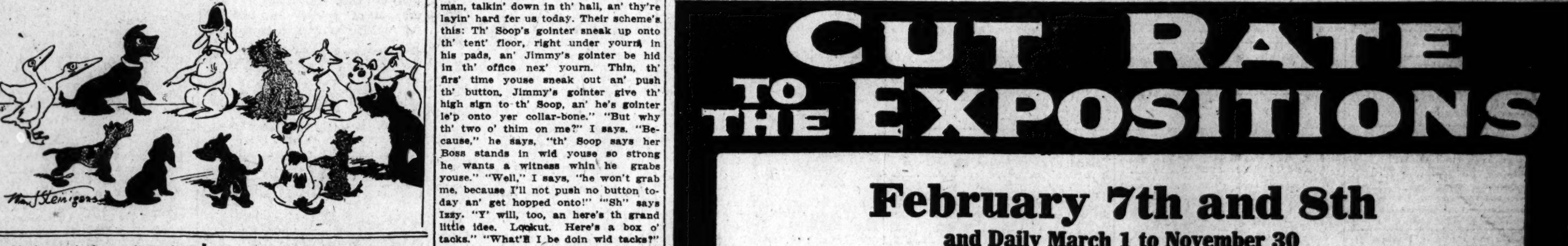
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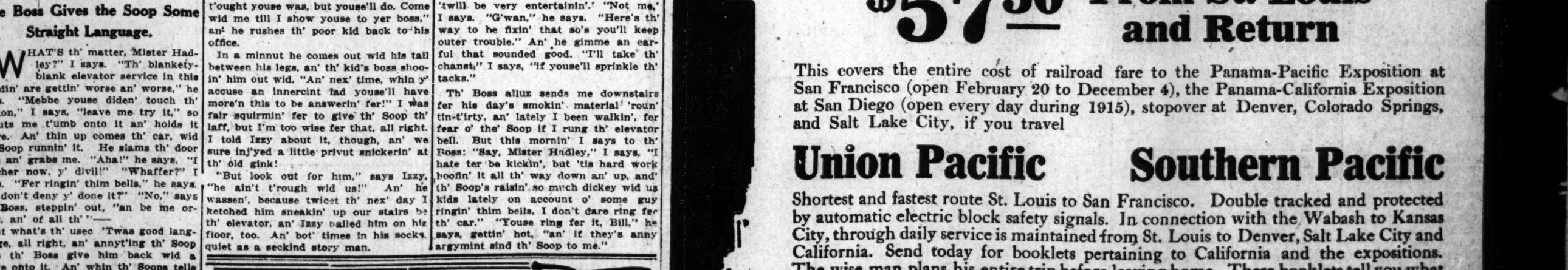
'Take Yer Time, I'll Save Some for You Fellows'



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